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RH: 29%
Rainfall: 000.0 mm

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ASTROGUIDE

Vishwavasu: Uttarayana
Tithi: Vaishakha Shukla Ekadasi till 12.30 pm
Star: Uttaraphalguni till 9.07 pm
Variyam: Nil
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PRAYERS
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Zohar: 12.22 pm
Asar: 4.39 pm
Maghrib: 6.43 pm
Isha: 7.56 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 5.46 AM
SUNSET TODAY 6.38 PM
MOONRISE 3.15 PM
MOONSET 2.56 AM

COUNTER POINT



PoK is no longer safe for either of us!

MODI UNVEILS VISION FOR INDIA'S SPACE FUTURE

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that India was marching ahead with renewed confidence in the field of space exploration and declared that an Indian astronaut would leave his footprints on the Moon by 2040.

Addressing the Global Conference on Space Exploration 2025 via videoconferencing, Moid stressed that Mars and Venus were also on the country's radar for exploration missions. For India, Modi said space was about exploration.

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NO RESPITE FOR SRILAKSHMI IN OMC CASE

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR I DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

The Supreme Court on Wednesday overturned the Telangana High Court's 2022 judgment that had discharged AP IAS officer Yerra Srilakshmi from the Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) illegal mining case. With the apex court ordering a fresh trial of Srilakshmi's role in the OMC scam, the officer will have to attend hearings before the CBI court here. Only on Tuesday, the CBI court had found OMC owner Gali Janardhan Reddy and others guilty.

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22 MAOISTS KILLED IN KARREGUTTA ENCOUNTER

PULI SHARATH KUMAR I DC
WARANGAL, MAY 7

As many as 22 Maoists were killed in an encounter that took place between the Maoists and security forces at the Karregutta hills located on the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border in the early hours on Wednesday.

Officials confirmed that combing operations were still ongoing in the densely forested terrain and as a result the death toll could rise.

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Op Sindoor kills nearly 100 JeM, LeT terrorists in Pak in 25 mins

Indian fighter jets use long-range missiles without crossing border

PAWAN BALI I DC
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Initial intelligence assessments suggest that between 70 and 100 terrorists were killed in Operation Sindoor, a joint operation by the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force just past midnight on Wednesday, a powerful response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that shook the nation.

The joint operation lasted 25 minutes and was described as "measured and non-escalatory." Missiles and drones were used in the operation that did not target Pakistani military sites.

This was for the first time since the 1971 war that India has hit a target in Pakistan's Punjab, in a powerful message that no terrorist site is safe.

The decisive and high-intensity military strike razed the core infrastructure of the terror outfits Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Tayyaba in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Frontline fighter jets, alongside precision drones, pounded nine high-value targets deep within PoK and Pakistan.

The military targeted Markaz Taiba of Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT) in Muridke, Markaz Subhan Allah of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in Bahawalpur and Hizbul Mujahideen's Mehmoona Joya facility in Sialkot and LeT's base in Markaz Ahle Hadith in Barnala and its camp in Muzaffarabad's Shawai Nalla.

All the targets were neutralised with clinical efficiency, two women officers, Colonel Sophia Qureshi of the Army's Corps of Signals and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, a helicopter pilot of the IAF, said at a media briefing alongside foreign secretary Vikram Misri.

The foreign secretary said India decided to carry out the "proportionate" strikes to bring the perpetrators and planners of the April 22 Pahalgam attack to justice as there was "no demonstrable step" from Pakistan to act against terrorist infrastructure on territories under its control.

Of the nine-high value targets, seven were hit by the Army's drones and "smart ammunition and precision weapons", the other two were razed to the ground by the IAF's Rafale and Sukhoi fighter jets.

The Indian fighter jets used long-range missiles to accomplish their task without crossing the border.

■ Page 8: India used its right to respond, says Rajnath

Blasted Nine

The locations that the Indian Army and IAF hit early on May 7

STRIKES IN PoK

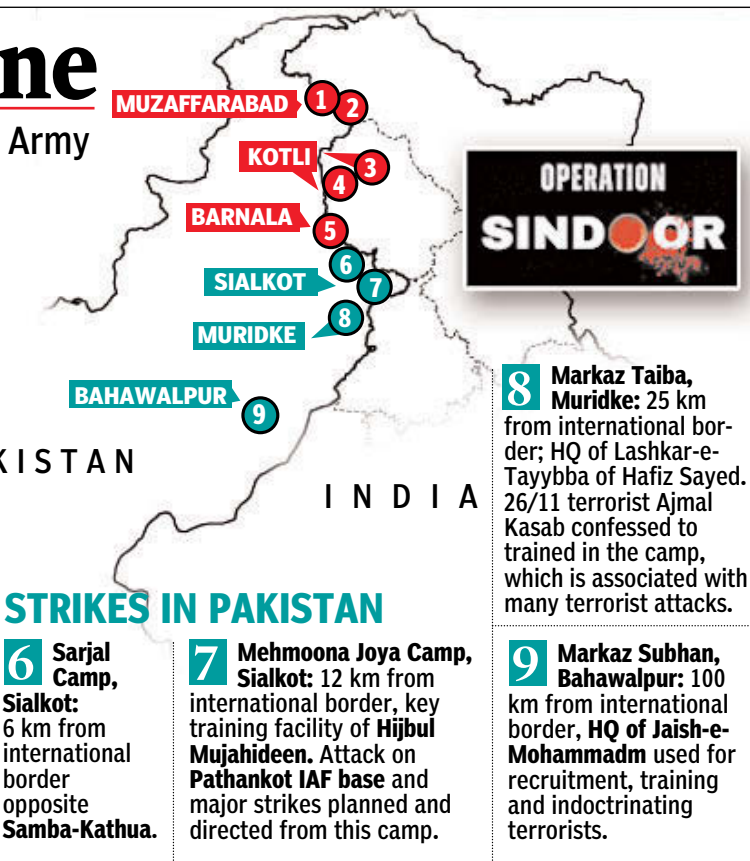
1 Sawai Nala Camp, Muzaffarabad: 30 km from LoC; key LeT training facility. Its terror module attacked civilians and security forces in Sonmarg on October 20 and Gulmarg on October 24 in 2024; Pahalgam on April 22.

2 Syedna Belal Camp, Muzaffarabad: Used by Jaish-e-Mohammad as staging area.

3 Gulpur Camp, Kotli: 30 km from LoC; base for LeT operating in Rajauri-Poonch; Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, 26/11 mastermind, frequently visited camp.

4 Abbas Camp, Kotli: 13 km from LoC, opposite Rajauri, nerve centre for training LeT suicide bombers.

5 Barnala Camp, Bhimber: 9 km from LoC, opposite Rajauri-Poonch sector; trained terrorists in weapons.



STRIKES IN PAKISTAN

6 Sarjal Camp, Sialkot: 6 km from international border opposite Samba-Kathua.

7 Mehmoona Joya Camp, Sialkot: 12 km from international border, key training facility of Hizbul Mujahideen. Attack on Pathankot IAF base and major strikes planned and directed from this camp.

9 Markaz Subhan, Bahawalpur: 100 km from international border, HQ of Jaish-e-Mohammad used for recruitment, training and indoctrinating terrorists.

India ready to attack if Pak retaliates: NSA

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Wednesday said that India has no intent to escalate tensions but is prepared to "retaliate resolutely" if Pakistan chooses to do so.

Doval briefed his counterparts in the US, UK, Saudi Arabia, and Japan about India's missile strikes against terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He also established contact with officials in Russia and France, the officials said. "The NSA briefed his counterparts on the actions taken and the method of execution, which was measured, non-escalatory, and restrained. He emphasised that India had no intent to escalate but was fully prepared to retaliate resolutely should Pakistan choose to escalate," an official said.

■ Page 11: Doval speaks to US and UK counterparts

27 airports closed, 250 flights halted

New Delhi: Twenty-seven airports in northern, central, and western India have been temporarily closed for operations, and more than 250 flights have been cancelled in these sectors in the wake of the tense situation following India's airstrikes against nine Pakistani terror locations under Operation Sindoor. The airports that have been shut to regular air traffic include Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana.

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18 Hyd flights to N. India cancelled

Hyderabad: At least 18 flights from and to the city to destinations in north India were cancelled after the airports were closed against the backdrop of strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and PoK, as well as the IAF exercises in Rajasthan. Flights to Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Dharamshala and Jodhpur, which were cancelled as the airports were shut down. Airlines issued advisories alerting passengers about delays and cancellations due to changing airspace conditions.

Verify your facts, India tells China

Beijing: The Indian Embassy here has cautioned China's state-run tabloid Global Times to verify messages before posting them on social media on Indian military strikes targeting Pakistan's terror infrastructure on Wednesday. "Dear @global-timesnews we would recommend you verify your facts and cross-examine your sources before pushing out this kind of disinformation," the Indian Embassy said on X.

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Civil def. drills held successfully

RACHEL DAMMALA I DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

In an unusual scene on Wednesday afternoon, Hyderabad's streets fell briefly still as sirens wailed across the city to signal the start of a civil defence exercise—the first such sound in over half a century. Operation Abhyaas was aimed at testing how prepared the city was to respond in the event if a hostile attack were to ever occur.

The two-minute siren went off at 4 pm, piercing through traffic, homes, offices and markets. Though most residents had been informed in advance, the moment felt surreal for many - some filmed the alert on their phones, while others took

shelter under trees or inside nearby buildings. The atmosphere was one of curiosity more than concern, with many seen smiling and pointing at fire trucks and rescue vans as they pulled in.

Though a few commuters were caught in traffic during the siren, most seemed cooperative. There were no reported disruptions to transport or daily services. In fact, social media was abuzz with people sharing clips, memes and even jokes - some compared the sudden siren to scenes from war films, while others laughed off WhatsApp forwards falsely warning of actual missile strikes or curfews.

Police and civic authorities quickly responded.

FIRST TAKE

Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, Wg Cdr Vyomika Singh provide attack info

2 women officers track Op Sindoor

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA I DC
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

In a befitting tribute to women who lost their husbands in the Pahalgam massacre, India on Wednesday, for the first time, fielded its two women officers, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, to lead an official press briefing on the major military operation. The move was aimed to deliver a powerful message about Nari Shakti (women's power) and the secular fabric of the country.

Sources said the logo for Operation Sindoor was designed in just 45 minutes, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself suggested the codename, which was aimed at aveng-

ing the brutal killing of civilians - some of whom were couples celebrating their weddings.

While the strikes were underway, the ADGPI of the Indian Army, at 1.28 am, posted a video on social media showcasing India's military strength. The video was titled in Sanskrit: "Praharay Sannihitah, Jayay Prashikshitah", meaning "Ready to Strike, Trained to Win."

Along with the name Operation Sindoor, the selection of women officers embodied Nari Shakti, sending a strong message globally.

The two officers joined foreign secretary Vikram Misri in providing details about the precision strikes carried out by the armed forces on nine terror targets in Pakistan and



Army Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and IAF Wing Commander Vyomika Singh during a press conference regarding Operation Sindoor in New Delhi.

— PTI



Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The trio presented a striking image of the synergy between India's military prowess and diplomatic maturity.

Col Qureshi, from the Army's Corps of Signals, and Wg Cdr Singh, a helicopter pilot, shared the

names and details of the sites targeted in the early hours of Wednesday, speaking in Hindi and English, respectively.

"I, Col Sofiya Qureshi, along with Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, will today provide you with information



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with defence minister Rajnath Singh, Union home minister Amit Shah, Union ministers Nitin Gadkari, Shivraj Singh Chouhan and others during a Cabinet meeting in New Delhi.

— PTI

Modi chose code Op Sindoor, hails precision strikes

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the Indian Armed Forces for successfully executing the strikes and reiterated his government's policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism. Modi chaired a meeting of the Union Cabinet just hours after Operation Sindoor.

During the meeting, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh briefed the Cabinet about the operation, and the entire Cabinet welcomed the action and praised Modi's leadership with a thumping of desks.

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The government also

called an all-party meeting on Thursday to brief leaders about Operation Sindoor carried out by the armed forces.

In a post on X, parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said, "The government has called an all-party leaders' meeting at 11 am on 8th May 2025 at Committee Room: G-074, in the Parliament Library Building, Parliament Complex in New Delhi."

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister has postponed his planned visit next week to the three European nations of Croatia, Norway, and the Netherlands due to the current political and military tensions with Pakistan, said reliable sources.

Modi was scheduled to visit these nations from May 13 to 17, but his continued presence in the country is now deemed essential given the fluid situation following the strikes.

Revanth: Detain illegal foreigners

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY I DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday directed officials to identify and detain Pakistan and Bangladesh nationals residing illegally in the state.

Stating that illegal migrants posed a threat to law and order, he directed the police to set up a dedicated communication system within the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in Banjara Hills to monitor their activities.

He warned of strict

action against anyone attempting to disturb peace and harmony. Revanth Reddy called for tightening security at all foreign consulates in Hyderabad and enhancing protective measures around IT companies, while speaking at a review meeting with top police officers in the wake of Operation Sindoor.

Leaves for employees in emergency service departments were cancelled, with instructions for all staff and officials to remain available.

■ Page 5: CM urges parties to support defence forces

Karachi Bakery finds itself in piquant state

SAALINI LOKESH | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

With India attacking terror camps in Pakistan, the cautious management of Karachi Bakery — which is named after the Pakistani city — has displayed the Indian Flag above their signboards of their outlets at Moazzam Jahi Market and Begumpet. Whenever tensions flare up between India and Pakistan, the bakery gets trolled over its name.

“Senior officials ordered us to be cautious. As a preventive measure, we deployed our staff near the bakery,” said Ramgopalpet inspector Narsing Rao. Karachi Bakery has around 20 branches in the city, and all the branches are deployed with constables to monitor the situation.

The inspector also added that they had suggested putting up the Indian Flag, showing their support to the Operation Sindoor and almost all branches complied.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, a Karachi Bakery staff member said, “We did place the Indian Tricolour on top of the nameboard of the shop, and we also have a constable present at the shop. Business has not been affected due to this incident in our branch.”

In Visakhapatnam, the members of the Jana Jagaran Samithi (JJS) protested outside Karachi Bakery at Venkajipalem on Tuesday, demanding that the bakery change its name. The protesters also asked the Centre to step in if the name was not changed.



Civil defence drills were conducted out on Wednesday at Kacheguda Railway Station, Avalon Apartment (Nanalanagar), BNS Twin Towers (New Santoshnagar), and AR Millennium Residency (Secunderabad) as part of an awareness programme. NCC cadets, fire service personnel, civilians, and volunteers participated in the simulated rescue operations.

— P. SURENDRA,
DEEPAK DESHPANDE, S. SURENDER REDDY, R. PAVAN



Op Abhyaas simulates hostile situations

Sirens catch many unawares; participants carry out emergency exercises with precision

RACHEL DAMMALA,
MRITTIKA BANERJEE,
SABA ANJUM SHAIK AND
PRIYA RATHNAM | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

At 4 pm on Wednesday, sirens sounded and an ‘emergency’ was staged. Civil defence personnel got into action, ‘rescuing’ people and providing them ‘medical care’ and whisking them away in ambulances. Other residents were escorted to safe places.

It would all have been an exercise with a little bit of fun, but the images of Operation Sindoor, India’s retaliatory strike early in the day lent an edge which Operation Abhyaas, the civil defence exercise, could scarcely have received otherwise.

By the time the all-clear sounded at 4.30 pm, residents and participants got a wealth of pictures for their social media handles, an experience for a lifetime, and a sobering lesson in safety.

Officials found that by and large Hyderabadis, known for their independent ways where matters of authority are involved, were cooperating in making things happen. That itself was a big plus.

WEST MARREDPALLY At AR Millennium Residency, residents were swiftly escorted across the road to NCC Grounds — the designated shelter — while firefighters simulated evacuation and medical teams readied people in stretchers. Power supply was cut for 30 minutes.

“Our job was to ensure a blackout. During bombings, electricity can worsen things,” said Narsing Rao, line inspector. His colleague Srinivas Rao added that even Wi-Fi signals and inverters should be shut.

“It may seem small, but details matter.”

Children from the neighbouring Valmiki Towers were interrupted by all the activity. “I thought we were being bombed,” said 10-year-old Rahul, before quickly adding, “But now I want to join the Disaster Rescue Force.”

NCC cadet Sita V. observed the coordination and orderliness. “We practise a lot, but today showed us how it really works.” P. Yesu, a DRF officer, seconded that thought.

“Unless citizens are aware and stay steady, it’s hard to act effectively. Today, the balance was just right.” Babu Rao, a sweeper with the SCB, stood in uniform with a helmet and mask, and holding a safety flag. “I felt like I mattered. Even if it’s small, I can do my part,” he said.

“We made sure of rehearsals in the morning and afternoon. But 4 pm was the real test — and Hyderabad passed,” said Prasad P., president of the local residents’ welfare group.

NACHARAM

A spark was playing in a sudden ‘boom’. There were sirens, ambulances and fire services personnel; rushing in and ‘rescuing’ people. Enough to make the child take pause.

Mayflower Grande Apartments in Mallapuram was chosen for its proximity to the Nuclear Fuel Complex. Apartment resident K. Pooja found the session informative. Of her twins, one stepped out to watch the drill while the other remained in the house because it is scary.

For lawyer Ranjitha Selvan, the blast and the rescue was something out of a movie. “Movies need to be made of such topics



Rescue operation as part of Mock drill organised at Avalon Apartment, Nanal Nagar Mehdiptnam on Wednesday.

—DC

as it in one of the means of communication,” she said. NCC cadet Y. Jayanth was informed about the drill on Tuesday, and briefed on how to tackle emergency situations. “It makes us comprehend reality and helps us in quick decision-making,” he said.

KHADERBAGH

Avalon Apartments was chosen for its multi-storey layout, cellar structure, and proximity to a defence zone. Residents were asked to simulate an evacuation from the fourth floor, and electricity was cut to add urgency to the exercise. The scene brought in onlookers from the neighbourhood and beyond. “Evacuations in high-rises are more complex. People rely on lifts, which may stop during emergencies. This drill is about making them think through alternatives,” said G.V. Narayan Rao, additional director of the fire department. He was joined by district collector Anudeep Durishetty and MLA Majid Hussain.

A senior resident said, “This helps. We now have a better idea of how to respond.” It left youngsters pondering. “Everything got blocked quickly. But the officials were fast. It makes you

wonder what would happen if something real happened,” said Zayed. Safi, 16, stayed in character because “it matters.” These are things we should know,” he said, still seated near the entrance. A 13-year-old who was present at the scene with her sister said her grandfather’s house caught fire during a drill in 1971.

KACHEGUDA

At the railway station, P. Sudha, a passenger, was shocked. “I didn’t know there was a drill but slowly understood the situation,” she said. Varaprasad, passenger, who had never seen anything like this. “It made me realise how important coordination is during situations like this,” Renuka M. said the hullabaloo left her seven-year-old daughter scared. “All of us bent down as instructed. She thought something really happened and started to cry,” she added. A civil defence personnel who learnt the casualty lifting technique, said, “These drills teach us how to act fast.” The drills were supervised by Udaynath Kotla, deputy general manager of SCR and controller of civil defence. General manager Arun Kumar Jain had a word of praise for the participants.

Country enters new phase, say veterans

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

From waiting for updates on the radio to receiving instant alerts on WhatsApp and Twitter, India’s experience of conflict has transformed dramatically,

with communication emerging as a defining factor in defence preparedness, war veterans said on Wednesday. As mock drills were held at four key locations in Hyderabad, the veterans emphasised that the country was entering a new phase of readiness that civilians must take seriously.

Recalling his service during the peak of insurgency in Kashmir from 1988 to 1995, Major Shiva Kiran (retired) described the shift in preparedness as revolutionary. “We relied on physical maps, convoys moved without satellite tracking and communication was minimal. Today, we’re witnessing coordinated, technology-led responses involving civil defence, police, fire services and the armed forces working together seamlessly,” he explained.

“These drills are not mere theatre. They are a wake-up call. Those were the days of alienation and radio silence. Today, information and coordination are instant,” he added.

Col. Merugu Solomon Saneev (retired) of the 6 Lancers, who served in Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir and Rajasthan during Op Parakram, Assam and Nagaland, said, “My experiences taught me the value of

training and preparation. With Operation Sindoor, the government has responded in a mature and calibrated manner. By conducting these drills, we are training civilians to protect themselves, take cover and not panic.”

He cautioned against the spread of misinformation on social media. “This is a time for the public to stay alert, not scared. Avoid falling for fake news or videos. Trust verified news sources like newspapers and TV. Don’t share half-baked information about the armed forces. Every initiative may not bring back the lives lost, but it sends a strong message to deter future terrorists,” he said. Col. V. Mahadevan (retired), who served during the 1970s, highlighted the importance of communication. “Back then, we depended on newspapers and the radio. There were no mobile phones, no digital alerts — we barely spoke to neighbours except by shouting across walls. Today, news travels in seconds via WhatsApp and Instagram. It’s not terrible, it’s terrific. Instant communication can save lives.” Col. Manoj Pathak (retired), a J&K and Assam veteran, said, “I wasn’t deployed in Kargil directly, but during mobilisation of northeast forces, a ceasefire was declared, and we returned. With so many vital installations in city, citizens must know what to do—whether it’s using blackout curtains, keeping torches, or evacuating high rises.”

ATTACK | ON TERROR Denizens want not just houses of terrorists, but those of supporters also razed

A sigh of relief after Operation Sindoor

DAYADI SAMPATH
KUMAR | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Women felt a bit relieved when news spread in the early hours on Wednesday that Indian missiles pounded terrorist bases in Pakistan to avenge the killing of 26 tourists in Pahalgam over a fortnight ago.

They were delighted to note that the operation was aptly code-named Sindoor, as many women had lost their sindoor, a sign of marital bliss, in the barbaric act by terrorists in Pahalgam.

Sreejaswi Thuraka, researcher in international politics, noted, “This has sent a powerful message to the wider world that India will not remain silent to acts of terror and



G. DAMAYANTI



EMANUEL NIXON



SREEJASWI THURAKA



KUNCHALA JERUSHA



VINOD RAO BANJA

will take strong measures to protect its people.”

“Dismantling terror hideouts with precision strikes not only sent a strong deterrent message but also reflected India’s evolving counter-terror doctrine to the world,” Sreejaswi said.

She added, “However, for the women who witnessed the cold-blooded murder of their husbands before

their eyes on April 22, no number of strikes or arrests can erase their pain.

Operation Sindoor serves as a call for long-term security reform. India must move from reactive strikes to adoption of a proactive strategy.”

Kunchala Jerusha, a software professional from Kadapa and working in

Hyderabad, says the strikes showed that “we are fearless and will not be cowed down by a nuclear threat. It also shows our military capability and planning.”

“Asking two women officers to provide press briefing was befitting, given the context and name of the Op Sindoor. It’s an indirect message to the terrorists and Pakistan

our women are good enough for you,” added Jerusha.

G. Damayanti, a government employee, says she feels relieved.

“We have to demolish not only the homes of terrorists but also of those supporting them. Punish them severely.

We have lost many of our dear ones over the past several decades,” she

signed. Vinod Rao Banja, the brother of 26/11 terror victim Vijay Rao Banja, says terrorism has caused an unforgettable loss to many peace-loving people for no fault of theirs. Emanuel Nixon, a businessman from Chennai, says India should seek and get more support from the nations across the world in its fight against terror.

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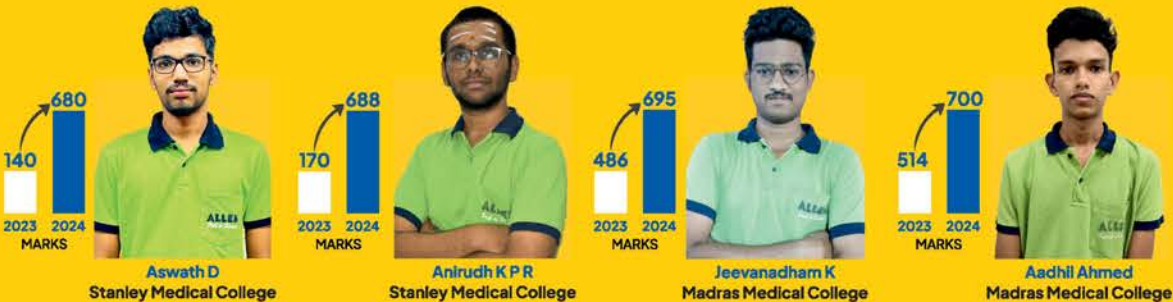
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IN BRIEF

Labourer dies after hit by lorry

Hyderabad: Fifty-year-old Gangapaka Arjun, a labourer died when a ready mix cement lorry reportedly being driven at high speed hit his two-wheeler in Narkuda around 9.15 am on Tuesday. Shamshabad inspector K. Narendar Reddy said Arjun was heading towards Shabad when the accident occurred. Locals informed his relative Kukkai Anjaneyulu and called the police. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway.

3-yr-old boy run over by car

Hyderabad: A three-year-old boy was run over by a car when he wandered into the main road in Madhuranagar, Bachupally, on Tuesday evening. Inspector J. Upender Rao said no one noticed the child enter the road till he was hit by the vehicle which was allegedly being driven in a rash manner. When they realised what had happened, the parents rushed the child to a nearby hospital where he died while undergoing treatment. Car driver Srinivas has been arrested.

Man nabbed for murdering couple

Hyderabad: The Alwal police, along with the CCS and Medchal special operations team arrested Chinthakindi Anil Kumar, 40, of Macha Bolaram for allegedly murdering an elderly couple in Suryanagar. Medchal DCP Koti Reddy said that Kumar was an accused in 28 offences in Cyberabad and Narsapur, including attempt to murder. A detailed analysis of 100 CCTV cameras and further examination of previous crime records helped the police in nabbing Kumar, the DCP said.

82 lost, stolen mobile recovered

Warangal: The Jangoan police returned 82 lost or stolen mobile phones to their owners at an event here on Wednesday. DCP Rajamahendra Nayak urged citizens to report missing mobile phones without delay, so that the police could help by using the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal. He said the CEIR initiative of the Central government enables users to block lost phones by registering complete details at <https://www.ceir.gov.in>.

Jagan deposes before NCLT

Hyderabad: AP former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday told the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Bench at Hyderabad that he could revoke the gift agreement made with her sister Y.S. Sharmila in shares in Saraswathi Power Ltd. He submitted that the MoU between them had been cancelled and the gift agreement had no legal validity. Senior counsel and YSRCP MP S. Niranjan Reddy, appeared for Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Cops seize expired cold drinks

Warangal: The task force police, under the supervision of ACP A. Madhusudan and led by inspector M. Ranjith Kumar, seized adulterated and expired cold drinks valued at ₹33,568 during a joint raids with food safety officials at the K&S Cool Drinks Distribution Shop in Warangal on Wednesday. The shop owner, Mohammed Khaleel, 48, a resident of Parameshwari Nilayam, was taken into custody and handed over to food inspector Krishnamurthy for further investigation.

Fake info will land you in trouble, says Anand

Top cop cancels leaves of staff, officers with immediate effect**MOULI MAREEDU | DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7**

Stepping up security at all major places and sensitive localities under 'Operation Abhyas' following the government's directions, Hyderabad police commissioner C.V. Anand on Wednesday said that the Hyderabad police have initiated the system of sounding of sirens by patrolling vehicles after 54 years in the city. He said the government has cancelled leaves sanctioned for officers and staff in the police department.

During the 1971 war period, the siren was used to alert citizens in emergency situations. Now the Hyderabad police opted for a similar method in alerting citizens of emergency situations.

Speaking to media persons on Wednesday, Anand said the police and patrolling vehicles are stationed at different major junctions and sensitive localities and will use sirens to motivate the citizens. The siren played for two minutes at many junctions on Wednesday to alert the vehicle riders to stay off their vehicles and take shelter somewhere temporarily.

"The siren alert seeks to inform the citizen that the emergency situation has prevailed and to stay indoors. The passerby must take shelter immediately in emergency situations. It was done in a similar method in the 1971 war period, and now, it was reintroduced in Hyderabad," said the police commissioner.

There are 12,000 live CCTVs linked to the police command control centre, where the police keep track of the vehicle movements. In coordination with all the

**C.V. Anand****SAFETY STEPS**

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departments, the Hyderabad police have decided to conduct mock drills at four areas.

"The leaves of the staff and officers have been cancelled with immediate effect and the officers will join duties. There should be restrictions on misinformation on social media and that the police should be alert as some people may create tension through false news. Higher officials should review the respective departments from time to time. There is a need to check whether the equipment of the NDRF department is working properly or not. Security measures and patrolling should be increased near important institutions in the state," Anand said.

Massive awareness on cybercrime at med colleges, others

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 7

The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) on Wednesday organised a massive statewide awareness campaign on trends in cybercrime at colleges, medical institutions, private offices, public gathering points, and bus stands as part of Cyber Jagrukta Diwas. TGCSB director Shikha Goel said that citizens were sensitised on the fake Instagram sari or clothing pages. Fraudsters create polished Instagram pages showcasing sarees and garments using stolen images, offering deep discounts to lure victims.

Payments are collected via UPI and e-wallets, but no products are delivered, or substandard items are sent. These pages often lack refund policies or verified business credentials. Citizens were advised to verify sellers, look for reviews, and avoid newly created or suspicious accounts.

"Scammers approach individuals with easy online job offers involving tasks like liking videos. Small incentives are initially paid to build trust, after which victims are coaxed into investing larger amounts to unlock 'higher rewards'. These scams vanish once money is transferred," TGCSB cautioned the public to be wary of job

**Shikha Goel****TIPS**

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Security drill



A drill was organised at the Kachiguda railway station as part of the nationwide defence preparedness. — **DEEPAK DESHPANDE**

CHOREOGRAPHER DIES IN APTT FIRE MISHAP

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 7

A 38-year-old dance choreographer died in a fire mishap at an apartment in Puppulaguda in Narsingi at around 2.30am on Tuesday night.

According to Narsingi Inspector Hari Krishna Reddy, the deceased has been identified as Porkati Veerkand Reddy, a resident of Qutub Arcade Apartment. The fire is suspected to have erupted from Veerkand's room's air conditioner. Four other family members, including two minors, were present in the house when the incident occurred. The family members, who are safe, have been identified as - Porkathi Garpkash Reddy, 76, his wife Vijaya, 60, and a 14-year-old and an eight-year-old.



HYDRAA razes sheds

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 7

HYDRAA demolished sheds built on illegally occupied government land in Kandikal of Bandlaguda mandal on Wednesday, recovering over 2,500 square yards of Survey No.s 303 and 306, occupied by Syed Bashiruddin and Syed Amidullah Hussain. They had constructed



HYDRAA demolishes structures with the support of police. sheds without permission and tried to register the land on their names.

22 ultras killed in Karregutta encounter

PULI SHARATH KUMAR | IDC WARANGAL, MAY 7

Twentytwo Maoists were killed in an encounter that took place between the Maoists and security forces at the Karregutta hills located on the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border in the early hours on Wednesday. Officials confirmed that combat operations were still ongoing in the densely-forested terrain and as a result the death toll could rise.

According to official sources, a joint task force comprising personnel from the DRG, COBRA, CRPF, STF, Bastar Fighters and the



Bodies of the slain Maoists at Karregutta on Wednesday.

Chhattisgarh armed forces launched a large-scale anti-Maoist operation over the past 15 days in the Karregutta region. The operation, being overseen by ADG Vivekanand Sinha and CRPF IG Rakesh Aggarwal has resulted in the seizure of a large cache of arms, ammunition and explosives.

The encounter began early Wednesday in the Usur block of Bijapur district where the Maoists had taken shelter. Intelligence inputs had indicated the presence of senior Maoist leaders including military platoon in-charge Madhavi Hidma, prompting an intensified search operation.

In the past two weeks alone four women Maoists have been killed with hundreds of Maoist hideouts and underground bunkers destroyed. On Tuesday night, an earlier gunfight resulted in the death of a woman Maoist from whom a .303 rifle was recovered.

Sources said the security forces have uncovered and defused nearly 200 IEDs during the Karregutta operation. Despite this, two security personnel were injured in separate IED explosions over the past two days and were airlifted to Bijapur hospital for treatment. 'Operation Kagaz' aims to eliminate Maoist

strongholds in the Telangana-Chhattisgarh forest belt. Officials revealed that thousands of security personnel have surrounded the Maoist-infested zones with search and surveillance aided by drones, signal towers and K9 units for detecting underground bunkers. The encounter site is now firmly under the control of security forces, who have established forward base camps in areas like Dhobe Hills and Neelam Sarai, and are setting up another camp near Alubaka. Authorities remain cautious, keeping a close watch on potential threats from hidden explosives or ambushes.

SC overrules HC order on Srilakshmi in mining scam

VUJINI VAMSHIDHAR | DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7

The Supreme Court on Wednesday overturned the Telangana High Court's 2022 judgment that had discharged AP IAS officer Yerra Srilakshmi from the Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) illegal mining case. With the apex court ordering a fresh trial of Srilakshmi's role in the Obulapuram mining scam, the officer will have to attend hearings before the CBI court here.

Only on Tuesday, the CBI court in Hyderabad had found OMC owner Gali Janardhan Reddy and six others guilty in the case, including for-

mer mines officer V.D. Rajagopal on misuse of office and other charges.

The same allegations were made by the CBI against Srilakshmi, Accused No. 6 in the OMC case. As secretary of industries in the undivided AP government, Srilakshmi on 18.06.2007 issued a final recommendation prioritising OMC and sidelining competing firms like Sathavahana Ispat Nigam Ltd, despite its operational a pig iron plant. She also omitted the words "captive usage", which allowed the OMC owners to sell the ore elsewhere. The justification for prioritisation was an alleged plan to establish an integrated steel plant, Brahmani Industries Ltd. Srilakshmi's recommendation was approved the same day, and a GO was issued, granting the mining lease to OMC in respect of 68.50 hectares in Survey Nos. 1 and 2, Anthargangamma Konda, Siddapuram and Malapanagudi, which was contrary to the notification dt.12.07.2004. There were allegations that Srilakshmi deliberately omitted the term "captive usage" from the lease, facilitating ore exports and local sales, contrary to public policy. The lease deed was executed on 19.06.2007 between the assistant director of mines and geology and B.V. Srinivas Reddy of the OMC.

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 Ph: 9849994113

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 Sons & Daughter-in-laws
 Daughters & Son-in-laws
 Grand Sons & Grand Daughters
 Nephews, Nieces, Kith & Kin

2nd Death Anniversary

Smt Nelaturi Elizabeth Swarnalatha
 W/o Late N. Dayanand Seidel
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 We miss you MOM!
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 Our heart still can't accept that you are not with us anymore. You were our strength. In this years, there's not a single day that we did not miss you. It's not easy for us to move on from this pain.
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 Your memories are always in our hearts forever
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SHORT TAKES



D. Sridhar Babu

RECORD 57K GOVT JOBS FILLED IN A YEAR: SRIDHAR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Industries and IT minister D. Sridhar Babu on Wednesday announced that the government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, has successfully filed 57,000 government positions within a year—a remarkable achievement at the national level.

Speaking at the inauguration of a building at Natco Zilla Parishad High School in Kothur, Shadnagar constituency, the minister underscored the government's commitment to strengthening public education. He said efforts were underway to equip all government schools with digital classrooms, aiming to raise academic standards through a structured, expert-led approach.

He said the objective was to ensure students in government institutions perform on par with their peers in private schools. Emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, were being integrated into the curriculum to make students future-ready. He stressed that teachers play a vital role in restoring public trust in government schools. Long-pending teacher promotions have been cleared, and specialised "Ammam Committees" have been set up to monitor school operations and ensure accountability.

CELEBRATIONS ERUPT OVER ARMY STRIKES IN PAK

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC
NIZAMABAD, MAY 7

Celebrations broke out across Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts on Wednesday as residents hailed the Indian Army's strikes on terrorist groups in Pakistan. Youths, in particular, enthusiastically took part in rallies held at several locations, waving the national flag and raising slogans in support of the armed forces.

Rallies were held in Nizamabad, Armoor, Balkonda and other places, reflecting widespread support for the Army's action. In Mamidipally village of Makloor mandal—widely known as an 'Army village' with 18 youths currently serving in the forces—joyful scenes were witnessed following the announcement of the air strikes.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, retired soldier Janakiram said he left the Army four years ago. "If I am recalled, I am ready to join anti-terrorist operations again," he said with pride. Laxmi, the mother of a jawan serving in Jammu and Kashmir, said, "We have been anxious ever since the Pahalgam attack on tourists. My son speaks to us regularly over the phone, but we are constantly worried. Still, we are proud of the Army for striking the terrorist camps."

Meanwhile, the Congress party organised a candlelight vigil in Nizamabad on Wednesday night to honour the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack in J&K. State government advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir, took part.

Revanth to lead solidarity rally at Secretariat today

As a nation, we stand united behind our soldiers, says CM

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will lead a solidarity rally from the Secretariat to Necklace Road at 6 pm on Thursday in support of the Indian armed forces airstrikes against Pakistan. The rally will see participation from ministers, government officials and the general public to express their gratitude and solidarity with the armed forces.

Revanth Reddy along with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday reviewed the arrangements for the solidarity rally.

He asked officials to plan meticulously to ensure the rally's success and urged the public, particularly the youth and students, to come out in large numbers



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy inspects the Command and Control Centre in Hyderabad on Wednesday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

to show their support.

"This rally is a symbol of the people's collective appreciation for the bravery of our armed forces," said Revanth Reddy.

"We want to send a message that, as a nation, we

stand united behind our soldiers."

The Chief Minister said that the rally was an opportunity for the people of Telangana to express their gratitude to armed forces' airstrikes against

terror bases in Pakistan. Hailing Operation Sindoor, Revanth Reddy added, "As an Indian citizen first, I stand strongly with our armed forces. The strikes against terror factories in Pakistan and PoK make us proud. Let us make this a moment for national solidarity and unity, and all of us speak in one voice—Jai Hind!"

It may be recalled that Revanth Reddy had led a candlelight rally on April 25, from People's Plaza to the Indira Gandhi statue, Necklace Road, to protest the terror attack on Indian tourists in Pahalgam.

At that time, the Chief Minister had demanded strong action from Prime Minister Narendra Modi against Pakistan and called for the merger of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir with India.

Owaisi hails strikes on Pak terror hubs

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi welcomed the missile strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir under Operation Sindoor, and said that that Pakistan's terror framework must be completely destroyed.

In a statement on his 'X' handle, Owaisi also said

that Pakistan's deep state should be taught a lesson to make sure an incident like the Pahalgam attack does not happen. He ended his tweet with 'Jai Hind'.

Owaisi also shared a brief video of him wearing a Tricolour turban and raising "Pakistan murdabad" slogans. "Bharat Zindabad, Pakistan murdabad," Owaisi is heard saying; the video is from a recent



Asaduddin Owaisi

public meeting in Bihar. Owaisi also directed party corporators and

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MLAs from Chrandrayangutta and Karwan Assembly constituencies to participate in the civil defence drills.



Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy presents the award to Venkat Jagdish Nalluri, at an event on Tuesday.

OTS Advertising MD gets award

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Venkat Jagdish Nalluri, managing director of OTS Advertising Pvt Ltd was honoured with the Hybiz TV media award for his contribution to media and the advertising industry.

The award was presented by minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy at an event on Tuesday. Jagdish has led numerous impact campaigns of national and regional importance, through compelling storytelling and strategic brand leadership.

Jagdish has shaped regional advertising landscape with over four decades of experience, a statement said. His advertising company

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emerged as leading agency, executing integrated campaigns across sectors such as infrastructure, governance, education and healthcare. Speaking on the occasion, Jagdish said, "It is an honour to receive the award. I remain committed to using the media as force for progress, awareness and transformation."

RELAX BAN ON TRANSFERS, DOCS TELL MIN.

RACHEL DAMMALA | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Amid a growing faculty crunch in major government medical colleges across Telangana, the state unit of the Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGGDA) has written to health minister Damodar Rajnarsimha urging immediate relaxation of the ongoing ban on transfers for professor-level posts. The association has also sought urgent steps to fill vacant professor posts in four key institutions — Osmania Medical College, Gandhi Medical College, Kakatiya Medical College, and Government Medical College Nizamabad — by allowing transfers of eligible senior faculty members.

In the representations submitted on Wednesday, the association pointed out that the transfer ban was hampering the academic and healthcare capacities of the state's top medical colleges.

"Several sanctioned professor posts are lying vacant despite the availability of experienced faculty in the periphery who are willing and eligible to be transferred," the association noted in its letter.

TGGDA stated that these vacancies are impacting both post-graduate medical education and patient care.

SUPPORT DEF. FORCES, CM URGES PARTIES

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Ministers and officials were asked to cancel foreign trips to focus on the situation. The Chief Minister called for political unity, urging parties to support the defence forces and avoid inflammatory rhetoric. He warned government employees against making controversial statements in the media or on social platforms, cautioning of strict disciplinary action.

All CCTV cameras across the three police commissionerates of Greater Hyderabad must be integrated into the central command system, the CM directed. Police personnel have been asked to remain on high alert and engage with peace committees to maintain communal harmony. He asked officials to intensify surveillance in all district headquarters and other sensitive zones.

To combat the spread of misinformation, Revanth Reddy said a 24/7 toll-free number will be launched, along with a dedicated special cell to curb fake news and prevent panic. Cybersecurity measures are also being reinforced, he added. Officials were instructed to stock emergency medicines and blood supplies, ensure the availability of hospital beds and strengthen coordination with the Red Cross.

Food reserves will also be boosted to meet any emergency needs, the Revanth Reddy said.



Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy inaugurates developmental projects in Wazedu and Venkatapuram mandals of Mulugu district on Wednesday. — DC

No cash, will keep vows: Ponguleti

PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC
WARANGAL, MAY 7

Despite prevailing economic challenges in the state, the government is pressing ahead with its commitment to welfare and development, said revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, while inaugurating a series of developmental and welfare projects in Wazedu and Venkatapuram mandals of Mulugu district on Wednesday.

In the Wazedu mandal, the minister distributed Indiramma housing sanction documents to 57 beneficiaries in Kongala village and 64 beneficiaries in Nagaram village. Later, in Patrapuram of Venkatapuram mandal, he laid the foundation stone for a deputy executive engineer (PR) office building, to be constructed for ₹60 lakh.

Addressing the gather-

ings, Srinivas Reddy said the previous BRS government had left the state burdened with a debt of ₹8.19 lakh crore. He said the Congress-led Indiramma government is not only addressing this fiscal crisis but is also implementing its welfare agenda effectively. He said the government is committed to providing Indiramma houses to every poor family, with ₹5 lakh allocated per unit and reaffirmed that all key poll promises are being fulfilled. These include the distribution of 6 kg of fine rice per person from Ugadi and recruiting for 57,662 government jobs within ten months of assuming office. The minister said several flagship initiatives are being rolled out, including the Bhu Bharati Act to benefit small and marginal farmers and the Rajiv Vikas scheme aimed at supporting unemployed youth.

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Sri Narasimha Jayanti celebrations on May 11

Hyderabad: Hare Krishna Golden Temple will celebrate Sri Narasimha Jayanti with day-long spiritual and cultural events on May 11. The festival marks the divine appearance of Lord Narasimha, the half-man, half-lion incarnation of Lord Vishnu, who manifested from a pillar to protect His devotee Prahlada from his demonic father Hiranyakshipu. The Hare Krishna Golden Temple among the ancient Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temples of Hyderabad. The temple's deity is a Swayam Vyakta (self-manifested). Sri Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa Prabhuji, president of Hare Krishna Movement, said elaborate arrangements were underway for the celebrations which will be held at Telangana's first golden temple.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fee payment date extended

Hyderabad: Telangana Board of Intermediate education (TGBIE) has extended the deadline for payment of the fees for Intermediate Public Advanced supplementary examination (IPASE) which are scheduled from May 22.

The last date for payment of examination fee is extended till May 8 with payment of late fee of ₹1,000.

This extension of date applies to both first and second year students for both general and vocational streams.

SCR to operate 26 special trains

Hyderabad: South Central Railway said it would operate 26 special trains between Charlapalli and Srikakulam Road from May 12 to June 25. Train 07421 will run from Charlapalli to Srikakulam Road every Tuesday between May 13 and June 24. Its return service, Train 07422, will run from Srikakulam Road to Charlapalli every Wednesday from May 14 to June 25. These trains will do seven trips each and stop at stations like Nalgonda, Guntur, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Duvvada and Vizianagaram. Another set of special trains, No.s 07425 (between May 12 and June 23, 2025) and 07426 (May 13 to June 24) will run on Mondays and Tuesdays respectively doing six trips each.

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As India strikes Pak terror, be ready to face escalation

India is at war — against Pakistan-based terror. The country took its operations against sponsored terror up several notches by striking out at the infrastructure of groups like Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Jaish-e-Mohammad at nine sites in PoK and in the Pakistani heartland of Punjab in places like Bahawalpur that housed the HQ of the notorious JeM, led by Masood Azhar.

Operation Sindoor, as it was emotionally titled in response to the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 civilians lost their lives, was of a different calibre altogether. Earlier surgical-strike responses to terror attacks in Kashmir in 2016 and 2019 were limited actions in PoK. India's military operation in the early hours of May 7 is symbolic of the highest capabilities of the combined forces in carrying out targeted strikes.

The act of coordinated strikes named Operation Sindoor was "measured, non-escalatory and proportionate", according to the official statement of the foreign secretary. And yet even a diehard optimist will not imagine that this will follow the pattern of previous strikes of non-escalatory tit-for-tat military manoeuvres since there is every likelihood of Pakistan responding with force.

To be prepared for any eventuality is India's lot now even if its expansive action was precise with the employment of high-accuracy standoff weapons expertly guided to ensure the least possible collateral damage at nine locations, four in the Punjab and five in PoK. At least half a dozen civilian deaths were reported while the number of terrorists eliminated may have been, according to reports, 10 times higher.

Even so, Pakistan's immediate response at dawn on Wednesday was to pepper Kashmir with more of the indiscriminate artillery shelling of the last several days since the diplomatic standoff saw many restrictive measures introduced by both countries. More than nine may have been killed in the shelling and several more injured in villages along the LOC and the International Border.

Considering the loss of lives of innocent villagers, the stark truth is India is also at war now with Pakistan. The neighbour may have been playing games in making sure the count was 26 in India's Operation Sindoor that equates it with the Pahalgam deaths. But it was not the number so much as the religious discrimination and the manner of hits at innocent tourists in Kashmir that so incensed India to retaliate as it did.

The approbation from a population of 140 crore people, who will see Operation Sindoor as not just revenge but a lesson with a message that Pakistan cannot afford to ignore, is to be savoured by the nation. The strategically well thought out military strike has elicited praise while the briefing by the spokespersons chosen from the armed forces in two women officers was well-directed and free of clutter.

This might, however, mean that the nation must be prepared for anything that a religiously indoctrinated general leading the Pakistan army might see as his "proportionate" response to the strike deep inside Pakistan territory as in Bahawalpur that is 100 km from the border even as the Shehbaz Sharif government is itching for retaliation.

The strangest part is Pakistan's denials of complicity in the Pahalgam attack have been feeble even as the Western world accepted India's charge of a direct Pakistan hand in guiding the terror attacks on Kashmir, including through Pakistani nationals handled from there.

It should have come as no surprise that China has been one of the few nations to stand behind Pakistan. If anyone can dissuade Pakistan from this path of directing terror at Kashmir as well as de-escalate at this point of extreme tensions post-Pahalgam attack and the Operation Sindoor response, it is the Chinese leadership. Truth to tell, both nations have only lost in the several wars fought since 1947.

Judges' assets: SC sets example

The judiciary may be the weakest of the pillars of democracy if one were to assess them by the people and the machinery at their command but it gains its strength from the moral high ground it has claimed for itself. There are many elements that sustains this place which include the fairness with which it handles matters, the impartiality it demonstrates when called on to adjudicate on complex matters and the transparency with which the institution works. The latest decision of the Supreme Court of India to place the annual statement of assets it received on its website for public perusal is a landmark that will add to the glory of the institution.

As it stands today, the asset statements of 21 of the 33 judges of the Supreme Court have been published in the statement and those of the other judges will also be published as they are filed, as per the Supreme Court. The process will reach its logical end when the other judges as well as those in the High Courts also follow in their footsteps and declare their assets for the public to view. At some point, it may be extended to the lower judiciary, too.

There have been allegations of corruption against the judiciary at all levels, and they were raised by members of the legal fraternity itself. A judge of the Supreme Court is on record saying half of all judges in the higher judiciary are corrupt and surveys have pointed to people's low esteem for the judiciary when it comes to probity. It is not that the judges do not know that they have been hit with muck but there have been no serious attempts to correct the wrong. The publication of the assets of the members of the highest court of the land may be seen as the first step towards cleaning that mess.

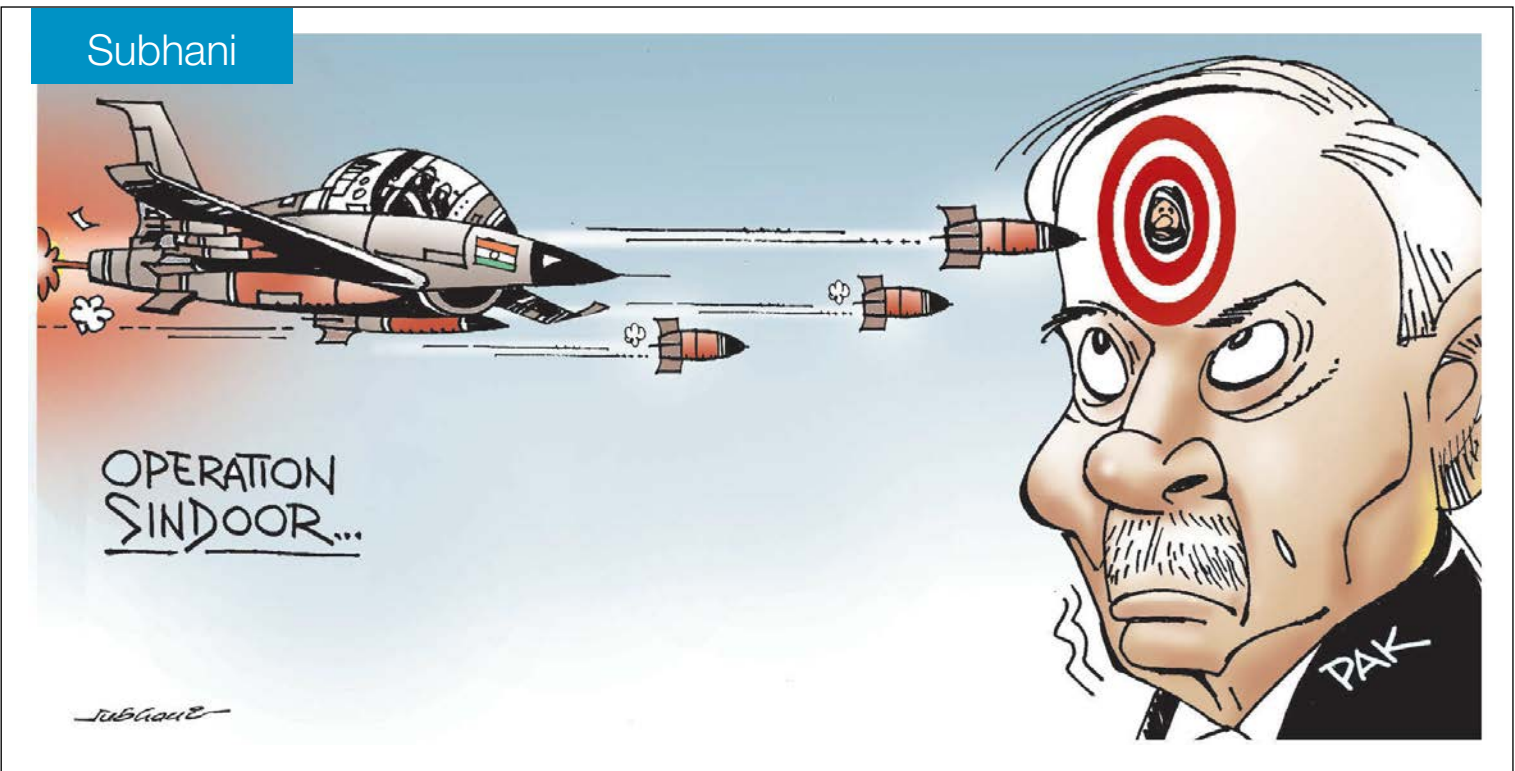
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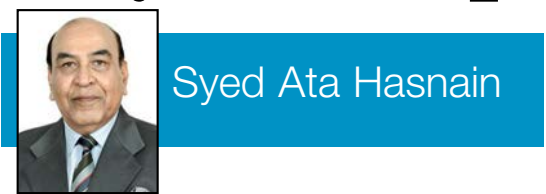
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Precision strike effective way to keep Pak in check



On Wednesday, May 7, the nation woke up to what it was expecting for quite some time, a surgical strike of a different kind; without crossing the borders anywhere, a technical strike with precision involving all three branches of the armed forces. After the gruesome terrorist attack in Pahalgam, public sentiment against Pakistan had risen sky high. Although the government's decisions taken during the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) on April 23 were considered adequate in many ways, it was always perceived that the CCS created for the armed forces a window of opportunity in which to prepare and strike. The strikes were well timed and effectively choreographed with this time, given our advanced technological capability it was important to go just beyond strategic messaging and actually look towards delivering deterrence. Nine locations were selected with great care, both in PoJK and in Punjab, the heartland of Pakistan. Since the NIA has in its preliminary report clearly indicated the coterie of the Pakistan Army, the ISI and the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, it was important that not just targets in PoK were chosen but in Punjab too. Muridke, the Lashkar headquarters, 40 km from Lahore; Bahawalpur, the Jaish HQ; and Sialkot (Mehmooona Joya camp, where the Pathankot attack was planned); were all struck through smart loiter munitions launched by different platforms from land, sea and air, with enough precision in order to avoid collateral damage. These are all facilities located close to prominent Pakistan Army stations, so

the message of capability was not lost. The locations in PoJK were chosen across a wide swathe of the frontage and based upon intelligence inputs. Many of these may have been vacated due to the expectation of a strike, but nevertheless the strike is valuable to the extent that we can always strike the next time without the trigger of an act, such as the Pahalgam attack. In that case, the surprise factor will be high and the effect even higher.

The damage assessment will tell us much, but to my mind it's the action and not the effect that is important. This can be repeated at any time when there is suspicion of an impending terrorist action. What India has done is to establish a precedent for such action without a trigger. The important issue is that no Pakistan military facility or establishment has been targeted; that would have resulted in an immediate response and therefore the escalation would have been imminent. In the incumbent situation, escalation control has been factored in effectively and the options for the future have also been created.

Pakistan has in its very usual way responded with a slew of fake news as the Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR) wing wrestles with perception management of the effective precision strikes by India. A matching response is not possible as India has no terrorist bases which Pakistan could target. However, Pakistan has chosen to up the ante with the activation of the Line of Control in both the Kashmir and the Jammu sectors. For the last fort-

night, there has been regular exchange of fire of small arms and other flat trajectory weapons in the Tangdhar, Uri, Poonch and Rajouri sectors. That has now been ratcheted to artillery and mortar fire with a large number of civilian casualties on our side, for which Pakistan has no regret. It is Pakistan's way of expressing its frustration. What cannot be ruled out is a resort to another sub conventional action in J&K over the next few days to once again challenge India. That is because the extension of any sense of proportion and rationalism to Pakistan's actions cannot be expected. If that were to happen, India should keep its arsenal dry for an immediate response, this time without awaiting any preparedness.

The international factor is of importance here. We have to bring international opinion on a focus towards the condemnation of Pakistan and declare it a state sponsoring trans-border terrorism. With the World Bank's Financial Action Task Force (FATF) we had succeeded in calling out Pakistan; that campaign had effectively forced Pakistan's hand to a limited extent. Pakistan needs to be placed on the "black list" of the FATF and its loans, etc, for which it aspires should be held back subject to its international behavior. India has probably accepted many advisories from the United States regarding escalation and rightly adhered to these. It's now time to raise the issue with not only the US but also several other powers, including the influential Middle Eastern countries with whom India has a higher grade of relationship. The military response is only a one-time measure, although it sends a huge message, but the lasting effect will be of continuing diplomacy to bring Pakistan to be recognised internationally as a pariah state.

The writer, a retired lieutenant-general, is a former GOC of the Srinagar-based 15 ("Chinar") Corps

LETTERS

OPERATION SINDOOR

Operation Sindoor is a timely measured action to counter the cowardly terror strike at Pahalgam (Op Sindoor: India strikes back, missiles destroy terror bases, May 7). Hope this will act as a deterrent to terrorists in future.

Govind Kumar
Hyderabad

Hearty congratulations to the military for giving Pakistan a fitting reply to the Pahalgam tragedy. Excellent planning, precise execution and dedicated efforts have given a real revenge and fitting homage to those killed in Pahalgam.

Wg Cdr V. Sundaresan (Retd)
Secunderabad

India's true victory lies in retaliation, not tolerance or dialogue. By retaliating, India has boosted its military pride and sent a message to neighbours: it will not tolerate terrorism and is committed to peace.

Mansoor Dashti
Secunderabad

Congratulations to PM Narendra Modi and the armed forces. Op Sindoor, targeting terrorists' camps in Pakistan and PoK with surgical precision, while avoiding Pakistan military bases, emphasises India's restraint, showcasing justice and strategic wisdom of a proud nation.

P.H. Hema Sagar
Secunderabad

India is proud of the armed forces for the flawless planning and execution of Operation Sindoor and destroying terrorist camps in Pakistan and PoK. The whole nation is together and all prepared, physically and emotionally, to counter if Pakistan retaliates.

Pranava Kumar
Hyderabad

Salute to the Indian armed forces. Wipe out terrorists, their camps, and teach Pakistan a befitting lesson. Jai Hind.

Abdul Mateen
Hyderabad

The action taken by IAF with support by ground forces under Operation Sindoor was precise and effective message to Pakistan.

N. Nagarajan
Hyderabad

It is not a war with Pakistan. The decades-old-old issue is now dealt with sternly consequent upon the Pahalgam tragedy.

N.S.K. Prasad
Secunderabad

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Pradeep C. Nair



Violence down in Manipur after Prez Rule, but still a long way to go

May 3, 2025 marked two years since the outbreak of violence in Manipur between Meiteis and Kukis, in which 258 people were killed, 60,000 internally displaced, and about 5,000 houses and 400 religious structures destroyed in the mayhem. There has been a lot of focus on the causes of the violence, the events that sparked the disturbances, the remedies and what the future portends for Manipur. But there have also been positives which haven't been reported much in the national media. Manipur has changed immensely in these two years, but all is not lost yet.

The second anniversary of the outbreak has seen less violence, killings, bomb blasts, grenade attacks, sounds of bullets, and it is necessary to know about these. Three major changes that happened at the beginning of the year have gradually and surely put the state on the path to normalcy. The first was the choice of Ajay Kumar Bhalla, a former Union home secretary, as the new Governor on January 3, the second was the resignation of chief minister N. Biren Singh on February 9, and the third the imposition of President's Rule on February 13. The new Governor, with first-hand experience of handling the Manipur crisis as home secretary, got down to business as soon as he took over. He visited the camps of the internally displaced people of both groups, gave them his assurances, met up with multiple civil society organisations, women's organisations (all of which were received very

well), and has constantly emphasised upon them to abhor violence, besides addressing governance matters, including security. He has stood firm on his directions of "peace ought to precede a political solution" as against the constant refrain of "no peace without a solution" that was being insisted upon by the warring groups.

The overall law and order situation has seen a change. Violence and insurgency related activities have declined and inter-community clashes had also almost ended. After the Governor's announcement that all weapons must be surrendered, 1,044 weapons (official figure) have been surrendered. In the meantime, concerted efforts by the security forces continue in the state to de-weaponise society. The activities of gun-toting private militias, like the Arambai Tengol in the Imphal Valley and the Kuki gunmen in the hills, have been significantly checked by the security forces. Targeted violence, that included extortion, kidnappings, grenade attacks and other forms of intimidation, have also seen an immense decline. All these have given the common man a sense of relief and security. Road blockades cum checkpoints that had been established by the warring groups had affected the state's economy, besides impacting the sustenance of ordinary citizens. This has now been addressed by the security forces.

Here, mention must be made of the Committee on Tribal Unity (COTU)-led blockade in Kangpokpi that was demolished by the security forces on February 27, which restored arterial access; a very

significant step. Unnoticed has also been the re-opening of highways, whereby movement of commodities along NH-2 and NH-37 has re-commenced, which has brought great succour to the people in both the hills and valley. But passenger travel has not yet started, which eventually will happen once both communities start confidence-building measures. With the opening of highways, economic activities that include trade and agriculture have also got a fillip. Of particular significance is the resumption of cultivation by farmers, almost impossible during this period last year and the year before, at this time. In all of this, business activities are also gradually limping back to normalcy.

The USP of Manipur has always been its cultural diversity and the numerous festivals that are celebrated. Ningol Chakkouba, Yaoshang, Cherioba, Thabal Chonga (Meitei festivals), Chavang Kut (Kuki festival), Lui-Ngai-Ni (Naga festival), besides Christmas and Easter (for the Kukis and Nagas) have all been celebrated in the past few months with great zeal and fervour, thereby showcasing the aspirations of society at large, to return to normalcy. Of course, it is still a far cry from what existed earlier, where, in all these festivals, people of all the communities (Meiteis, Nagas and Kukis) would celebrate jointly. It is pertinent to mention here that eventually, that too is something that is not impossible, looking ahead.

A major concern all along has been the re-settlement of the IDPs. It has been a compelling but challenging necessity; however, it is essential to know

that an initial resettlement has commenced in villages like Waraioiching, Manamjang and Haibung in Senapati district and L. Thingliphai near Sugnu (Kakching district); which has set the stage for wider rehabilitation. Alongside, what has gone unnoticed is that a dialogue has been initiated between both communities which was held on April 5. While the outcome of the talks itself is not known, it is prudent to understand that at this stage, it is not necessary to know about the outcome either, given the sharp divide that exists between the two communities and given that the holding of a dialogue the two sides was being thought of as an impossibility just a few months ago.

A lot of criticism has happened in the media over the past two years, which has not only polarised both the communities, but in a broader sense has laid the field bare for interference and indulgences by countries and powers that are inimical to the interests of the Northeast in particular and India at large. The solution to the problem largely rests with the communities that are at loggerheads (by talks and meetings), besides unbiased governance (which, at the moment, appears to be happening). The security forces in the state have been the silent work force behind the baby steps towards normalcy. President's Rule, though not a permanent solution, has surely helped the state at this juncture.

The writer is a retired lieutenant-general who is a former director-general of the Assam Rifles and has extensively served in the Northeast

SHORT TAKES

ACB arrests discom staffer

Hyderabad: The ACB on Wednesday arrested A. Ganeswar, TGSPDCL assistant engineer, operations, of Pragathinagar, for demanding a 2 lakh bribe and accepting 10,000 for doing an official favour. Ganeswar had demanded the bribe from a contractor to issue a work completion order for a 63 KV transformer and installation of three-phase power connection meters. The contractor approached the ACB which mounted the operation. Ganeswar was remanded by a special court for ACB cases.

CONG. LEADER SLAMS BJP MP FOR REMARKS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Congress senior leader Mujahid Alam Khan on Wednesday strongly condemned the recent spat of what he called "inflammatory and communal statements" made by BJP Medak MP M. Raghunandan Rao. Terming them a deliberate attempt to stoke fear and polarise society on religious lines, Khan said the BJP MP's remarks reflected not only a dangerous mindset but also complete disregard for constitutional governance.

Khan questioned the BJP MP's alleged repeated targeting of madrasas and the Muslim community under the guise of national security. "It appears that Raghunandan Rao has forgotten that the BJP has been in power at the Centre since 2014. If there is any illegal infiltration of Bangladeshi or Pakistani nationals in Hyderabad, then what has the Union home ministry been doing all these years," he asked. Khan said these were baseless allegations which were not only misleading but a direct question mark on the efficiency of Union home minister Amit Shah and minister of state Bandi Sanjay.

Ridiculing Raghunandan Rao's demand that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy disclose the number of illegal foreigners, Khan said, "The data is maintained by the Union ministry of external affairs, which is under the BJP government, and he should ask Dr Jaishanker."

Uttam urges CWC to allocate water for PRLIS, Sammakka

Wants panel to assist with studies on Kaleshwaram barrage

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HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Telangana has urged the Central Water Commission (CWC) to expedite water allocation to the Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation scheme (PRLIS) and the Sammakka-Sarakka barrage projects, with irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy asking for 134 tmc ft of water for the two projects.

At a meeting with CWC chairman Atul Jain in New Delhi on Wednesday, Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana had complied with all of CWC's procedural and documentation requirements for the projects. To start with, Uttam Kumar Reddy urged CWC for an immediate allocation of 45 tmc ft for PRLIS, which can



Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy with Central Water Commission chairman Atul Jain in New Delhi on Wednesday.

lift 2 tmc ft of water a day from the Krishna and Nagarkurnool, provide irrigation and drinking water to

Mahabubnagar, Vikarabad, Rangareddy, and Nalgonda districts.

● **FOR THE** Sammakka-Sarakka barrage, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the project required 44 tmc ft of water a year from Godavari.

The scheme can draw water for 60 days during the flood season using a series of five pumping stations.

For the Sammakka-Sarakka barrage, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the project required 44 tmc ft of water a year from Godavari. This 6.94 tmc ft capacity project, at Thupakulagudem in Mulugu district, is designed to stabilise irrigation for around 5.55 lakh hectares, and supply drinking water to several villages. The minister also asked the CWC to assist Telangana with

conducting a comprehensive geotechnical and structural review and to advise on corrective measures to restore and safeguard the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages of the Kaleshwaram project as suggested by the National Dam Safety Authority in its report on the barrages.

Uttam Kumar Reddy, after the meeting, said he also discussed the issue of illegal diversion of Krishna river water by Andhra Pradesh, and the potential threat to Telangana from the backwaters of AP's Polavaram project. He said the CWC chairman responded positively and assured that the commission will act promptly on the issues discussed on Wednesday.

Gavai praises Ramana, says he made justice accessible to all

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Chief Justice of India-designate Justice B.R. Gavai praised former CJI Justice N.V. Ramana for his contribution to the judiciary and lauded his vision in making justice accessible to the people. "I think Justice Ramana must be one of the first Chief Justice of India who had broken that ice of the judges being isolated from the public," Justice Gavai said.

Speaking at the launch event of the book titled "Narratives off the Bench: A Judge Speaks", a collection of speeches delivered by Justice Ramana, in Delhi on Wednesday, Justice Gavai said: "He believed in going to the people. He believed in meeting the people. I think he was truly the people's Chief



CJI-designate Justice B.R. Gavai (left) speaks at the launch event of 'Narratives off the Bench: A Judge Speaks', a collection of speeches delivered by former CJI Justice N.V. Ramana, in Delhi on Wednesday. Supreme Court judges Justice Surya Kant and Justice Vikram Nath are also seen.

Justice of India." Supreme Court judges Justice Surya Kant and Justice Vikram Nath were present on the occasion. Justice Ramana said the book was not a commentary on legal doctrines but a compilation of his thoughts which he

had shared through various public speeches, and the thoughts which shaped over years of observations, reflections and inner dialogues. He said the book also reflected his experiences as a student leader, trade union activist, journalist,

lawyer and judge.

"I have tried to crystallise these experiences into words. The judiciary is not a mere adjudicator of disputes. It is a symbol of constitutional morality. It is one of the last remaining spaces of hope for the common man."

ENCROACHMENT CASES WILL SHIFT TO HYDRAAPS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Encroachment cases registered in law and order police stations are to be transferred to the HYDRAA police station at Buddha Bhavan, which Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to inaugurate on Thursday. Over 50 cases which are under investigation will be transferred to the HYDRAA station. ACP P.Tirumal has been appointed station house officer.

Violations of the WALT, fire safety laws, illegal encroachments of public spaces will be handled by the HYDRAA police station. It will also monitor on illegal hoardings, sand smuggling and unauthorised constructions. It will investigate cases registered during the Prajavani grievance sessions.

Egg supplier gets reprieve

L. RAVICHANDER
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

The vacation panel of the Telangana High Court comprising Justice Surepalli Nanda and Justice J. Sreenivas Rao extended the opportunity of personal hearing to a firm that is facing blacklisting by the state government in connection with lapses in supply of eggs under a nutrition scheme. The judges were hearing a writ appeal filed by Prashant Poultry Private Limited challenging the order passed in a writ petition which had upheld the decision but held that indefinite blacklisting was harsh and remanded the matter to the authorities to reconsider the period. In the present writ appeal, the appellant contended that the impugned order was passed without affording the opportunity of personal hearing and that the blacklisting disqualified it from participating in tenders floated on March 30, 2025, with the deadline being May 15. The Advocate-General, appearing for the state, opposed the plea, stating that the petitioner had failed to respond to six showcause notices and did not appear before the authorities. The state cited serious lapses in the delivery of eggs. The panel, while partially modifying the earlier order, held that the absence of a personal hearing required reconsideration and directed the authorities to grant a personal hearing to the appellant and pass a fresh



reasoned order on or before May 14. The appellant has been directed to submit its explanation within three days.

EALTH VARSITY TOLD TO ACT ON SEAT PLEA

Justice Pulla Karthik directed Kaloji Narayana Rao University for Health Sciences to consider and pass an appropriate order by Thursday on a fresh representation to be submitted on Wednesday by Nova Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, which sought consent of affiliation for enhancement of 100 MBBS seats. The direction was issued while dealing with a writ plea filed by the institute, challenging the inaction on the part of the university in acting on its representation dated January 20, 2025. The petitioner contended that the delay in issuing the consent of affiliation (COA) was arbitrary. Senior counsel Sunil Ganu, appearing for the petitioner, argued that the insistence on producing an essentiality or no-objection certificate was not legally required. Counsel

appearing for National Medical Commission pointed out that the filed representation was without acknowledgement, raising doubts whether the representation was submitted. The judge, after hearing both sides, directed submission of a fresh representation by the petitioner and its consideration by the respondent authorities.

HC RESTRAINS SPF FROM HALTING CONSTRUCTION

Justice Pulla Karthik enjoined the additional director-general of the Telangana Special Protection Force and other authorities from interfering with the ongoing construction of a residential house at Ameenpur in Sangareddy district. The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by Chintala Venkata Narayana and Kanta Reddy Ashok Reddy, who contended that they possessed a valid house construction permit for a plot situated at Ameenpur. The petitioners alleged that the Telangana Special Protection Force and Ameenpur police were obstructing their construction activity without authority or notice. Counsel for the petitioner also pointed out an earlier order passed in their favour in a writ plea, directing the authorities to issue notice and conduct an enquiry before interfering. The judge posted the matter after the summer vacation.

Full reports in deccanchronicle.com

Inscriptions trace Buddhism rise, fall

PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC
KARIMNAGAR, MAY 7

The epigraphical exploration in the Gundaram forest near Gattusingaram in Peddapalli district has shed light on the rise and decline of Buddhism at a single site over a span of six centuries, said E. Muniathnam Reddy, director (epigraphy), ASI, in a statement.

Archaeologists have deciphered two inscriptions etched on a rock formation locally known as Sitammalodi.

Dr Reddy said the first inscription, written in Prakrit language using the Brahmi script, dates to the 1st century BCE. It

records the donation of caves by a person from the Haritiputra lineage — likely connected to the Chutu dynasty — in honour of Kumara Hakusiri, a Satavahana prince. The text, "Putasa ku(ma)rasa Akusiri mitasa ivakhamitam," offers strong evidence of Buddhist patronage.

The second inscription, dated to the 6th century CE, is engraved in Sanskrit using early Telugu-Kannada characters.

It reads "Hakugar'u sagrabhaya" and likely references an epithet associated with the Kalamukha sect, a Shaivite order that rose to prominence

as Buddhism was witnessing a marked decline in the region.

The presence of two inscriptions from distinctly different religious traditions and time periods at the same site provides a compelling narrative. It highlights Buddhism's flourishing state in the 1st century BCE and its gradual decline by the 6th century CE with the rise of Hindu sects like the Kalamukhas.

"These findings not only enrich the understanding of the Deccan's dynamic religious history but also open new avenues for archaeological and cultural research in Telangana," Dr Reddy added.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender No.: JHS-ENG-GH-2025-71 Dated: 06.05.2025
E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE
Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work:
Description of Work: Yard improvement P way work in Jhansi Parauana section (8 yards) under ADEN/HQ-1 section.
Approx Cost (Rs.): ₹ 77737130.28 **Earnest Money (Rs.):** ₹ 536700.00
Date of Closing Tender: 28.05.2025 15:00 hrs
Date of completion / period from issue acceptance letter: 12 Months.
● Tender on line can be submitted upto 15:00 hrs. on 28.05.2025.
● For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in 788/24 (A)
f North central railways @ CPONCR www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: 1220252026 Dated: 07.05.2025
E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE
Divisional Railway Manager North Central Railway, Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online open tenders (E-Tender) as detailed below:
E-Tender Notice No.: 1220252026-42, Name of Work: SFG-BMU-Construction of Compound wall between SFG-BMU section to prevent trespassing.
Approx Cost (In Rs.): 2,34,69,415.65 **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 2,67,400.00
Nature of work: Any Civil Engineering works.
E-Tender Notice No.: 1220252026-43, Name of Work: Subdargan Provision of one additional room with toilet in 24 Nos. Type V duplex quarter in Railgaon colony.
Approx Cost (In Rs.): 1,92,80,081.78 **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 2,46,400.00
Nature of work: Construction of building.
Date & Time of Closing of tender: 30.05.2025 at 12:00 PM, Completion Period: 09 Months. Note: For full details and submission of tenders, please see the website www.ireps.gov.in 791/25 (D)
f North central railways @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPONCR

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Date: 07.05.2025
Tender Notice
1 NIT No's and Tender Inviting dates 01/04/SE/Unit III/ Turkyamjal / CC Roads & Drains/2025-26, Dt.08.05.2025, from 09.05.2025, 10.30 AM to 17.05.2025, 4.30 PM
2 Name of Works Laying of CC Roads & Drains in Turkyamjal Municipality (04 Packages)
3 Total value of Works Rs.608.50 Lakhs
Tender documents will be available in e-procurement market place in between 09.05.2025, 10.30 AM to 17.05.2025, 4.30 PM. The tender details can be seen by login into @ www.tender.telangana.gov.in. Sd/- Superintending Engineer (PH), DIPR R.O. No.: 1489-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Unit-III, Mahabubnagar @ Hyderabad.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 25/18 Date: 06.05.2025
E-Procurement Tender Notice
On behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit) invites the following E-Procurement Tenders.

S.N.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.
1	80251195	TAPER ROLLER SUSPENSION BEARING	183 Set.
2	80251194	CYLINDRICAL ROLLER BEARING	321 Nos.
3	80255006	Electrically operated lift	19 Nos.

Tender Opening Date: For S.N. 1:- 26 MAY-2025, S.N. 2:- 27-MAY-2025 & S.N. 3:- 04.06.2025.
Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from IREPS website i.e. <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. For any change/corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published in news paper. 781/25 (MG)
f North central railways @ CPONCR www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No.: JHS-N-W-23-25 Date: 06.05.2025
E-TENDERING NOTICE
Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.

E-Tender No.	Approx Cost	Earnest Money
JHS-N-W-23-25	Rs. 13286051.18	Rs. 216400/-

Description of work: Provision of S&T work in connection with yard improvement under ADEN/LINE/JHS (8 yard).
Cost of Tender Form: Nil **Opening of tender:** 30.05.2025, Time 15:00
Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance: 12 Months
● Tender on line can be submitted upto 15:00 hrs on 30.05.2025. ● For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in (NORTH CENTRAL RLY/JHANSI DIVISION-S&T) 785/25 (ADM)
f North central railways @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPONCR

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E-Tender Notice No.: Sr.DEE/RS/ELS/CNB/2025-26/ET-01 & ET-02 Date: 06.05.2025
E-TENDERING NOTICE
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/RS/N.C. Rly./Kanpur, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following open E-Tender for the following work up to Tender Opening Date & Time. The details of the tenders are as under:-
Tender No.: ELS-CNB-2025-26-ET-01
Name of work: Repair of converter module of IGBT based Traction Converter of M/S BT make MICAS based 3-phase loco for ELS/CNB.
Approximate Value (In Rs.): Rs. 42,82,448.00 (Rs. Forty-Two Lakh Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Only)
Bid Security (In Rs.): Rs. 85,700.00 (Rs. Eighty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Only)
Completion period of Work: 06 Months
Tender No.: ELS-CNB-2025-26-ET-02
Name of work: Finish, Machining work of rough axles for WAG-7 loco as per CLW Drg. No. 06/02/11/3 (WAG-7) Qty. 110 Nos. & WAG-9 loco as per wheelset axle Drg. No. 1209-01-011-002 qty. 120 nos. for Electric Locomotive at Electric Loco Shed, Kanpur.
Approximate Value (In Rs.): Rs. 1,65,74,851.30 (Rs. One Crore Sixty-Five Lakh Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One and Thirty paise Only)
Bid Security (In Rs.): Rs. 2,32,90.00 (Rs. Two Lakh Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only)
Completion period of Work: 24 Months
Tender Document Cost (In Rs.): NIL
Tender Opening Date & Time: 29.05.2025 & 15:30 hrs.
Note: - 1. The complete information along with tender document of above e-Tenders is available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to due date & time of tender opening. 2. Bids, other than in the form of E-Bids, shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Offer rates quoted in the form of e-tender schedule & duly signed digitally shall be final. No other documents related to offer rates shall be entertained. Tenderers are advised not to attach any document related to offer rates (except undertaking(s) asked). These documents shall be treated as NULL and void and shall not be considered for evaluation of offer. 4. Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5. This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 6. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 786/25(AS)
f North central railways @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPONCR

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH,
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
MAHANADI PROJECT, RAIPUR
(CHHATTISGARH)
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
(First Call)
SYSTEM TENDER No. 167678/ NIT No.: 02/SAC/25-26, Dated: 02.05.2025
Online Tenders are invited for the following work upto 23.05.2025 at 17:30 hours.
Name of Work: Construction of Balance Earth work & 12 Nos. Masonry Structures of R.S.N.D. (Phase II) Main Canal from R.D.61.30 Km to R.D.69.28 Km.
Probable Amount of Contract : Rs. 1498.33 Lakhs
(As per S.O.R dated 01.08.2010 and amended upto dated 22.08.2022)
The details can be viewed & downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from date 09.05.2025, at 17:31 Hours. (IST) onwards.
Note:- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under centralised contractor/supplier registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
M.R.P. Phase II Work Division, Raipur
For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi
Project Raipur (C.G.)
G-252600672/3

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People burst firecrackers and wave the tricolour as they hail Operation Sindoor, in Prayagraj, on Wednesday. Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes on terror targets in Pakistan and PoK under Operation Sindoor, in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack. —PTI

Pahalgam attack victims share relief over midnight attack

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

A sense of satisfaction and relief was collectively shared by the families of the Pahalgam terror attack victims after the Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes under Operation Sindoor on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. The targets included the Jaish-e-Mohammad stronghold in Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba's base in Muridke, among other terror locations.

"Terrorists will think a hundred times before acting again," said Rajesh Narwal, father of Lt Vinay Narwal, praising India's



Women across India celebrate surgical strike, honouring justice and bravery. — PTI

response.

"I had said that such a thing (retaliatory strikes) must be done so that no one dares to commit such a cowardly act again... The strikes on the terror targets will resonate in their minds forever," Narwal added.

Married just three weeks ago, Vinay Narwal (26), accompanied by his wife Himanshi, was on honeymoon in Pahalgam when terrorists shot him at point-blank range. Family mem-

bers of Indian Air Force Corporal Tage Hailiang, who was among those killed in the Pahalgam terror attack, also hailed Operation Sindoor, saying it is time the government dismantled all terror networks so that no other family suffers as they have. Charo Kamhwa Tage, the grieving wife of Corporal Hailiang, expressed both sorrow and resolve as she called upon the Indian government to intensify its crackdown on terrorism.

"We have lost a beloved son of the soil. My husband could have fled the scene. But being a soldier, he died while helping others escape," she said, expressing full support for Operation Sindoor.

RIGHT DECISION, SAYS PAHALGAM VICTIM'S MOTHER

M.B. GIRISH
BENGALURU, MAY 7

Operation Sindoor received strong support from both the family of Manjunath Rao, a victim of the Pahalgam terror attack, and top political leaders in Karnataka on Wednesday.

Manjunath Rao, a businessman from Shivamogga, was one of 26 tourists killed in a terrorist attack at Baisaran Valley, Pahalgam, in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22. He was shot dead in front of his wife Pallavi and son Abhijith, who were spared by the attackers. The family trip tragically ended in sorrow. Sumathi, Manjunath's mother, described Modi's decision to carry out Operation Sindoor as "appropriate" and "timely."

"Modi's decision to strike terrorist dens was well thought out and came at the right time,"



File picture of Shahnaz, wife of Martyr Jhantu Ali Sheikh.

and said, "Finally, there has been a reply." Her 12-year-old son, who had carried his father's coffin, smiled slightly while watching the strikes. Jhantu's father, Sabur Sheikh, said, "Now my son can rest in peace."

Jhantu's elder brother, Subedar Rafiqul Sheikh, also serves in the Indian Army. He proudly said, "My brother was part of this fight. This victory is his." He thanked the Army and the government for acknowledging the pain of the

people.

But not everyone feels peace. Shabari, the wife of victim Sameer Guha, is still in shock. Sameer had gone on a trip to Kashmir with his wife and daughter when he was shot dead by terrorists. Now, Shabari is burdened with responsibilities — her daughter is in Class 12, and there is a home loan to repay. Sameer was the only earning member of the family. "Justice is not complete yet. The terrorists must be fully eliminated," she said.

We found some peace, says victim's daughter

GILVESTER ASSARY | DC
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MAY 7

Arathi R. Menon, daughter of N. Ramachandran, one of the 26 victims of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, said her family is proud of Indian forces who decimated terrorist camps in Pakistan as part of Operation Sindoor.

Arathi said the response of Indian forces had given comfort to their family. She told reporters in Kochi: We woke up to this news today. Like every Indian, we were also waiting to see when and how this would happen. It brings comfort to me and my entire family. While our loss cannot be compensated, we are



Kerala health minister Veena George with Pahalgam victim N. Ramachandran Nair's wife Sheela and daughter Arathi, at their residence in Kochi the other day. —DC

happy and proud that this has taken place."

Ramachandran, 65, a native of Edappally in Kochi, was shot in front of Arathi and her two children in Pahalgam

on April 22.

"India has done it. We successfully targeted and dismantled nine terrorist camps. These terrorists brutally killed unarmed innocent people, in front of their wives, parents, children and grandchildren. It was a cowardly act."

Aarathi said: I am incredibly proud of Indian forces, our values and our principles. We are not targeting innocent people. Instead, we are taking down those who commit such brutal crimes against humanity. Once again, our actions reinforce and communicate our values and principles. The world has witnessed this, and we as proud Indians stand united today." "My

mother and I watched the news together and we both feel that justice is being served. We were waiting and our forces were also waiting for the right moment. My mother and our family have found some comfort in what has happened," she said. "We will support all actions taken by our country and our forces in pursuing the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack. This is the right response as it sends a clear message that anyone who tries to attack us will face a suitable response." On the Kashmiri youth Mudasir and Sameer who stood by their family on the day of the brutal attack, Arathi stated: All Kashmiris are Indians. Like all of us,

RECORD OF SURGICAL STRIKES



Meghdoot Operation:
13 April 1984

India launched Operation Meghdoot and successfully occupied the Siachen Glacier, securing strategic high ground.

Chamb Raid:
22 January 2000

Indian soldiers attacked a Pakistan Army post from three directions in the Iftikharabad sub-sector (Chamb area). Seven Pakistani soldiers were captured and killed. The raid was seen as retaliation for the loss of Lt. Saurabh Kalra and four soldiers of 4 Jat during the Kargil War.



Akbar Raid:
August 2000

Following the Kargil War, Indian troops raided a Pakistani post. Fourteen Pakistani soldiers, including an officer who was the son of a senior Pakistani commander, were killed.

Bhimber Attack:
18 September 2003

An Indian attack on a Pakistani post near Bhimber Gali in Poonch killed a JCO and three Pakistani soldiers. One was allegedly decapitated. Pakistan complained to the UNMOGIP.



Bhattal Strike
29 August 2011

Indian para commandos conducted a covert cross-border strike on a Pakistani post in the Bhattal sector of Poonch.

Surgical Strikes:
28 September 2016

India carried out surgical strikes across the Line of Control targeting militant launch pads in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Casualty estimates ranged from 35 to 50.



Balakot Strike:
26 February 2019

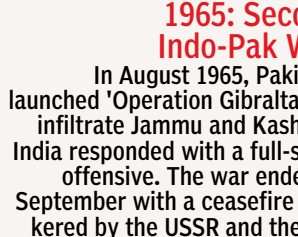
The Indian Air Force conducted an airstrike on a Jaish-e-Mohammed facility in Balakot, Pakistan, in response to the Pulwama terror attack. India described it as a preemptive, non-military action.

INDO-PAK ARMED CONFLICTS (1947-1999)



1947-1948: First Indo-Pak War

Conflict erupted in October 1947 over Jammu and Kashmir after Pakistan-backed tribal militias invaded the princely state. Following its accession to India, Indian troops intervened. A UN-mediated ceasefire in January 1949 established the Line of Control (LoC), dividing Kashmir.



1965: Second Indo-Pak War

In August 1965, Pakistan launched 'Operation Gibraltar' to infiltrate Jammu and Kashmir. India responded with a full-scale offensive. The war ended in September with a ceasefire brokered by the USSR and the US.



1971: Bangladesh Liberation War

India joined the war in December 1971 after Pakistan's military crackdown in East Pakistan. The conflict ended with Pakistan's surrender and the creation of



1999: Kargil War

Pakistani troops and militants occupied key heights in the Kargil sector. India launched 'Operation Vijay' to recapture the territory. The conflict ended in July with India regaining control.

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ASIAN KONARK70MM-DSNR

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SREERAMULU70-MOOSAPET

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VISWANATH70-KUKATPALLY

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INDRA/NAGENDRA70-11.00,2.30,9.30

10.00,12.45,1.10,4.20,7.30,10.40PM

10.25,1.00,4.10,7.15,10.25

2.45,9.40PM

PRASAD'S-11.20,11.45,12.25,2.10,5.00,7.55,8.20,10.35,10.45PM

APARNA-10.20,11.00,11.20,1.45,2.00,4.30,7.40,7.40,8.05,8.15,10.40PM

ASIAN SENSATION

11.15,2.30,6.15,9.30

TALLURI70MM

11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

MAHALAXMI COM

11.15,2.30,6.15,9.45

GOKUL70MM

11.30,2.30,6.30,9.30

SRIKRISHNA UPPAL

11.15,2.30,6.15,9.30

SUSHMA70MM

11.00,2.15,6.00,9.15PM

SAIRANGA70MM

11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00

BR HITECH70MM

11.00,2.15,6.00,9.30

SREEPREMA70MM

11.15,2.15,6.00,9.00PM

SANTOSHIBIPATNAM

11.00,2.15,6.00,9.00PM

GANESH70MM

11.00,2.15,6.00,9.15PM

JAGADAMBAA70MM

11.30,2.50,6.30,9.50

NARTHAKI70MM

11.30,2.30,6.30,9.30PM

PRASANTH70MM

11.00,2.05,6.00,9.05

SRISAIRAM70MM

11.15,2.30,6.30,10.00

BHUJANGA70MM

11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00

ASIAN JYOTHI70

11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

SRIRAMANACOMP

11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

VYJAYANTHI70MM

11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

ALANKAR70MM

11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

VLS SRIDEVI70MM

11.00,2.30,6.00,9.30PM

ASIAN SWAPNA

11.15,2.15,6.00,9.00PM

KRISHNAALIYABAD

11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

ASIAN MUKUND70

11.00,2.15,6.00,9.15PM

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11.15,2.30,6.15,9.30PM

RAJADHANI DELUXE-DSNR

11.15,2.30,6.15,9.30PM

SVC SRILAKSHMI/INDRANAGENDRA

11.00,2.40,6.00,9.30PM

VENKATARAMANA/PADMAVATHI
COMPLEX-11.15,6.15PM

ASIAN SENSATION

11.30,6.00PM

MAHALAXMI COM

11.15,2.30,6.15,9.45PM

RAJYALAXMI70MM

11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

SAMPOORNA70MM

11.00,2.15,6.00,9.15PM

SRIKRISHNAUPPAL

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ARADHANA70MM

11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

ANJALI70MM

11.15,2.15,6.00,9.15PM

RAGHAVENDRA70

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MOOSAPET-11.10,2.35,6.15,9.40PM

11.25,5.15PM

10.00,1.20,4.40

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7.40,10.40PM

LULU-9.30,4.10,11.10PM

CCPL-9.30,12.45,4.15,11.15PM

MANTRA-9.30,12.45,4.15,11.15PM

DSL-9.30,12.45,4.15,11.15PM

TNR NORTH-9.45,12.45,4.15,7.45,11.15PM

SUDHA-10.00,1.15,4.30,11.05PM

FORUM MALL-9.30,12.55,4.35,7.45,11.10PM

INORBIT-10.10,4.35,7.45,11.10PM

RK MALL-10.00,1.15,7.40,10.20PM

CENTRAL MALL-9.40,1.00,7.45PM

HITECH ONE-10.20,7.45,10.30PM

L&T METRO-9.10,12.35,7.25,10.50PM

IRRUMMANZIL-10.05,1.50,7.15,10.40PM

MUSARAMBAGH-10.00,5.10,7.15,11.00PM

PRESTONE-10.05,7.35PM

PRISM-10.40,1.10,7.35

ATRIUM MALL-10.00,1.00,7.25,11.05PM

GVK-10.10,1.00,4.00,7.25,10.30PM

MP MALL-10.10,1.00,7.15,10.40PM

GSM MALL-9.30,10.00,11.20,12.45,1.15,4.00,4.30,7.15

ASHOKA-10.00,11.00,12.50,1.15,4.30,6.55,7.45,10.10,11.00PM

NECKLACE-9.30,10.00,11.00,1.00,1.15,4.00,4.30,6.45,7.45,10.40,11.00PM

SKY MALL-10.30,10.50,1.30,1.50,4.30,4.50,7.30,10.30,11.00PM

GACHIBOWLI-8.00,8.30,11.00,11.30,2.00,5.00,7.30,8.00,10.30,10.55PM

SIVAGANGA-11.00,2.15,6.00,9.15PM

SHA-11.15,2.30,6.15,9.30PM

JP MALL-10.30,10.40,1.35,4.30,7.25,10.20,10.30PM

MJR SQUARE-10.40,1.35,4.30,7.25,10.20PM

MCUBE MALL-10.40,1.35,4.30,7.25,10.20PM

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CINESQUARE-10.30,10.40,1.35,4.30,7.25,10.20PM

CINEMART-10.30,10.40,1.35,4.30,7.25,10.20,10.30PM

PRISM-12.55,4.10,4.55,7.25,10.40PM

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MAHALAKSHMI70-11.15,2.30,6.15,9.45

9.00AM,9.00AM,8.15PM

ASIAN LAXMIKALA-8.00AM

NEO APARNA CINEMAS-1.40PM

AAA CINEMAS-1.30,7.30PM

CINESQUARE-10.55,7.35,10.25PM

JP MALL-10.55,4.45,10.35PM

CINEPLANET-10.25,7.25PM

MJR SQUARE-10.45,4.30,10.25PM

SIVAGANGA-8.00AM | RADHIKA-11.00,7.15PM

CINEMART-11.00,4.30,10.35PM

AMB MALL-10.00,1.05,7.05,10.15

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LULU-10.00,11.10,1.05,4.25,7.45,8.00,11.05PM

TNR NORTH-9.30,10.00,10.20,12.35,1.05,1.25,3.55,4.25,4.45,7.15,7.45,8.05,10.35,11.05,11.25PM

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SHALINI-10.20,1.30,4.20,4.40,7.50,11.00PM

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MALKAJGIRI-10.00,1.10,4.20,4.50,7.30,10.40PM

MIYAPUR-10.00,1.10,4.20,4.40,7.30,10.40PM

CHANDANAGAR-10.20,1.30,4.20,4.40,7.50,11.00PM

GVK-10.00,10.40,1.15,4.30,7.45,10.40,11.00PM

MP MALL-10.00,1.20,4.15,7.35,10.50PM

GSM MALL-9.30,10.00,11.20,12.45,1.15,4.00,4.30,7.15

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ASHOKA-10.00,11.00,12.50,1.15,4.30,6.55,7.45,10.10,11.00PM

NECKLACE-9.30,10.00,11.00,1.00,1.15,4.00,4.30,6.45,7.45,10.40,11.00PM

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PRISM-12.55,4.10,4.55,7.25,10.40PM

PRESTONE-10.10,1.25,4.40,7.55,11.10PM

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ATRIUM MALL-9.30,10.35,12.45,4.00,7.15,7.50,10.30PM

CENTRAL-9.50,10.10,1.25,4.40,7.00,7.55,10.15,11.10PM

INORBIT-10.00,10.45,1.15,4.30,7.00,7.45,11.00PM

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Indian to walk
on moon by '40

Modi unveils bold space roadmap

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that India was marching ahead with renewed confidence in the field of space exploration and declared that an Indian astronaut would leave his footprints on the Moon by 2040.

Addressing the Global Conference on Space Exploration (GLEEX) 2025 via videoconferencing, the Prime Minister stressed that Mars and Venus were also on the country's radar for exploration missions. For India, Modi said space was about exploration as well as empowerment, and listed out plans to set up the Bharatiya Antariksh Station by 2035 and land an Indian astronaut on the Moon by 2040.

"India's space journey is not about racing others. It is about reaching higher together.

Together, we share a common goal to explore space for the good of humanity," he said, adding that India has launched a satellite for the South Asian nations and the G20 satellite, announced during its presidency of the grouping, will be a gift to the Global South."Our first human space-flight mission, 'Gaganyaan', highlights our nation's rising aspirations," the Prime Minister said referring to the mission planned for early 2027 launch. ISRO-NASA Mission to the International Space Station in the coming weeks.

Narendra Modi

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

recommendations of the selection committee, The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Sood's extension for a period of one year beyond May 24, govt said.

PERMANENT
POLICE CAMP
IN BETBONA

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BERHAMPUR MAY 7

A permanent police camp was set up at the troubled Betbona village in Samserganj police station area after riot-hit people from Dhuliyan and Samserganj met West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at Samserganj BDO office.

According to police sources, 27 police personnel led by camp in-charge Mithun Haldar started functioning at Betbona village to regain faith among the panicked riot-hit people of Betbona, Zafraabad, Jigri, among others.

CBI DIRECTOR GETS EXTENSION

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

The Central government on Wednesday extended the tenure of CBI director Praveen Sood by one year. Based on the

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INDIA'S military scripted history by acting with precision, precaution and compassion in destroying terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir under Operation Sindoor.

— RAJNATH SINGH, Defence minister

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“Let us congratulate the Indian armed forces and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the strike. It was a precision strike that destroyed nine terrorist camp sites. This time, the video footage of the airstrike is available, leaving no scope for anyone to seek proof of it.”

— DEVENDRA FADNAVIS, Maharashtra Chief Minister

“Terrorist hide-outs targeted without harming civilians, showing strength of 56-inch chest.”

— MOHAN YADAV, MP CM

“Operation Sindoor is India's retaliation against 'Atankistan' (a reference to Pakistan.). Shaurya Tejah

Sanyamasch, yatra Bharatsainikah. Vijayam teshu nityam say, jayatu Bharat Mata (wherever there are Indian armed forces, there is valour, strength and discipline. May they always be triumphant — victory be to Mother India.).

— PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMI, Uttarakhand Chief Minister

“I salute the extraordinary courage of our armed forces behind Operation Sindoor. Their heroic action reaffirms that India will never tolerate terror in any form. Karnataka joins the nation in expressing unwavering solidarity with our forces.”

— SIDDARAMAIAH, Karnataka Chief Minister

“Jai Hind! Jai India!”

— BANARAJE, West Bengal Chief Minister

“It's just the beginning. I am sure the Indian military will take steps to eliminate the terror camps established behind Pakistan Army positions along the border.”

— A.K. ANTONY, Former defence minister

“India has an unflinching National Policy against all forms of terrorism emanating from Pakistan and PoK. We are extremely proud of our Indian Armed Forces who have stuck terror camps in Pakistan and PoK.”

— MALLIKARJUN KHARGE, Congress president

“A set of calibrated, calculated, precise strikes against terror targets. Exactly what I had advocated last week: hit hard, hit smart. I applaud the government and stand solidly with our armed forces.”

— SHASHI THAROOR, Congress MP

Indian embassy asks China's official daily to verify reports

Pro-Pak handles spread baseless claims in the context of Op Sindoor

Beijing, May 7: The Indian Embassy here has cautioned China's state-run tabloid *Global Times* to verify messages before posting them on social media on Indian military strikes targeting Pakistan's terror infrastructure on Wednesday.

Dear @globaltimesnews we would recommend you verify your facts and cross-examine your sources before pushing out this kind of disinformation, the Indian Embassy said in a post on X.

Several pro-Pakistan handles are spreading baseless claims in the context of #OperationSindoor, attempting to mislead the public. When media outlets share such information without verifying sources, it reflects a serious lapse in responsibility and journalistic ethics, it said, questioning the daily's posts on Pakistan Air Force claims.

The Indian Embassy's post also pointed to a Press Information Bureau (PIB) fact-check post on X about pro-Pakistan handles showing an IAF jet crashed in India's Punjab in 2021.

Beware of old images shared by pro-Pakistan handles in the present context! An old image showing a crashed aircraft is being circulated with the claim that Pakistan recently shot down an Indian Rafale jet near Bahawalpur during the ongoing #OperationSindoor, the PIB post said. “This image is from an earlier incident involving an IAF MiG-21 fighter jet that crashed in Moga district in Punjab in 2021,” it added.

Global Times had run reports using old images of crashed aircraft in the context of Operation Sindoor, as part of which India launched 24 precision missile strikes in nine locations that were identified as hubs of terrorist activity.

Since the Pahalgam terrorist attack, China, Pakistan's ironclad ally, while condemning it, has called for restraint, besides a fair and swift investigation into the attack.



President Droupadi Murmu with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting regarding Operation Sindoor, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Political parties united in support of air strikes

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, MAY 7

All political parties unequivocally supported India's air strikes against terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir under the Operation Sindoor.

The BJP on Wednesday hailed Operation Sindoor with a message “Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah (dharma protects the one who protects dharma)” and as a decision taken by the Modi government against the Pahalgam terrorist attack.

Hailing India's action, BJP leaders and supporters used the hashtag #DharmoRakshatiRakshitah on social media to express their support for avenging the Pahalgam terror attack victims. The Sanskrit phrase is used by Yadhishthira in his conversation with Yaksha about dharma in the Mahabharata. The RSS termed the airstrikes as the beginning of justice for the Pahalgam victims under Operation Sindoor.

In his reaction posted on X, Union home minister Amit Shah said,

“OperationSindoor is Bharat's response to the brutal killing of Indians in Pahalgam. Proud of our armed forces. The Modi government is resolved to give a befitting response to any attack on India and its people. Bharat remains firmly committed to eradicating terrorism from its roots.”

Saluting the bravery and patriotism of the Indian Armed Forces, the Congress said they have given a “bold and decisive response” to the Pahalgam terrorist attack and declared that the party stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the brave soldiers of the country. The Congress Working Committee (CWC) also extended its “full support” to the Indian forces and their precise strikes on terror hideouts.

Following the CWC meeting, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressed the media, saying, “We held discussions (on Operation Sindoor) in the Working Committee. Full support to our forces. Best wishes to them. Much love to them.

Complete support from the Congress and the Congress Working Committee.” Briefing the media about the CWC meeting, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge reiterated the party's complete support for the Indian forces for giving a “befitting reply” to the terrorists.

Before the meeting, Kharge said that the Congress has “unequivocally” stood in solidarity with the armed forces and the government since the Pahalgam terrorist attack.

“From the day of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Indian National Congress has unequivocally stood in solidarity with the armed forces and the Government, and supported every decisive action against cross-border terrorism. India's national policy against all forms of terrorism emanating from Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) is very clear and unwavering,” Kharge said.

The Congress has also halted all its programmes.

PAK TROOPS FIRED ARTILLERY IN BHIMBER, SAYS ARMY

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The pounding with 122 mm artillery guns and other variants left a trail of destruction with several houses reduced to rubble from Poonch to Uri sector in Baramulla district to Karnah-Keran in neighbouring Kupwara. It also prompted hundreds of families living near the de facto border to abandon their homes and relocate to safer places. Some defence installations also suffered damage, the reports said.

The officials said soon after the Indian armed forces carried out Operation Sindoor, the Pakistani Army and Rangers resorted to arbitrary firing including artillery shelling from posts across the LoC and IB opposite J&K.

The Indian Army said that innocent civilians lost their lives in “indiscriminate” firing and shelling by the Pakistan troops and that it is responding in “proportionate manner.” The worst hit was Poonch where all the 12, or 14, deaths took place and scores of residential houses and other structures were damaged in the Pakistani shelling.

IT'S A SHAME we just heard about it just as we were walking in the doors of the Oval. I guess people knew something was going to happen based on a little bit of the past

— DONALD TRUMP, U.S. President



PEOPLE FLEE BORDER AREAS AFTER PAK FIRE

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC SRINAGAR, MAY 7

As dread returns to Jammu and Kashmir border areas following Pakistan artillery fire that killed and injured scores of civilians, dozens of families have taken shelter in underground bunkers. Many more have fled to safer locations, living with either their relatives or friends now.

Amid the roar of a variety of howitzers and 81 mm and 120 mm mortars, the border-dwellers including women and children, were seen running out of their homes to evade death. Some of them reached by this newspaper through their mobile phones said that they witnessed artillery shells fired from across the LoC falling and exploding in the middle of frightened civilian populations.

Pak social media spins old images, fake claims

MAYANK TIWARI | DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7

After India struck multiple targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) under Operation Sindoor, Pakistan and its supporters launched a cyber disinformation campaign to obscure the operation's impact and fabricate narratives of success.

The Press Information Bureau (PIB) fact-checked several such claims on Wednesday. Pro-Pakistan accounts and political figures shared outdated images and misrepresented videos, falsely portraying Indian military losses.

The PIB urged users to verify content and rely on official sources, warning against the spread of unverified claims.



An old image with false claims spreads on social media minutes after Operation Sindoor. — DC

Some viral posts claiming an aircraft shoot-down near Bahawalpur were debunked by the PIB, which confirmed the image was from a 2021 MiG-21 crash in Punjab. A widely shared video alleging a surrender at Chora Post was promoted by Pakistan

minister Attaullah Tarar without evidence. The clip was proven fabricated.

“This is not just misinformation; it is a calculated, coordinated campaign designed to distort reality, mislead the public, and manipulate perceptions across the region,” the Union ministry of information and broadcasting said.

Another video falsely claimed the Pakistan Air Force targeted an airstrike. The footage was from sectarian clashes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa earlier in 2024. Other recycled visuals included an image from a MiG-29 crash in Rajasthan and false reports of a destroyed brigade HQ.

In another viral post, debunked by PIB, it was claimed that India urged Italy and the Asian Development Bank to cut funds to Pakistan.



A security personnel speaks to passengers in a vehicle amid high alert at Jodhpur airport on Wednesday. — PTI

Bathinda, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Halwara, Patankot, Leh, Jammu, Mun-

ior, and Hindon. Many of these are military airports that also handle civilian flights and are located in border regions.

According to Flightradar24, which tracks global air traffic, India witnessed 430 cancellations or three per cent of its scheduled flights, while Pakistan reported 147 cancellations, or 17 per cent of its scheduled flights.

A snapshot of airborne traffic over the conflict zone showed a clear airspace, with flights circling and crowding around safe

airports in India. As of 08.50 UTC, only two flights were visible over Pakistani airspace, both in the western region.

Many international airlines en route to northern India and Pakistan had to reroute mid-flight last night following the Indian strike.

Domestic carriers such as Air India, IndiGo, SpiceJet, Akasa, and Air India Express also rerouted their late-night flights and later announced the suspension of operations at certain airports.

Doval speaks to US, UK counterparts

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The conversations took place shortly after India carried out Operation Sindoor at nine sites. Doval spoke with US NSA and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, the UK's Jonathan Powell, Saudi Arabia's Musaid Al Aliban, the UAE's H.H. Sheikh Tahnoon, and Japan's Masataka Okano. “Contact was also established with Russian NSA Sergei Shoigu, Member of the Political

● NATIONAL SECURITY

Adviser Ajit Doval spoke to his counterparts in the US, UK, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Japan.

Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the PRC Wang Yi, and the Diplomatic Adviser to the French President, Emmanuel Bonne,” the official added.

Doval will remain in contact with his counterparts in the coming days.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
No. 001235/BP/HMDA/0352/MED/2025

It is to inform that, Smt. Chigurupati Krishna Veni have filed an application for Revision Permission for Building (Doctors Clinic) consisting of 1 Stilt + 4 Upper Floors in plot no. 1557 in Sy.No. 165, 166, 167, 178 and 179 situated at Bachupally Village, Nizampet Municipal Corporation, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist to an extent of 222.92 Sq. Mtrs vide File No. 008241/BP/HMDA/1679/MED/2022.

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27 airports closed, 250 flights cancelled

VINEETA PANDEY | DC NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Twenty-seven airports in northern, central, and western India have been temporarily closed for operations, and more than 250 flights have been cancelled in these sectors in the wake of the tense situation following India's airstrikes against Pakistan.

The airports that have been shut to regular air traffic include Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Bhuntar, Kishangarh, Patiala, Shimla, Gaggal,

dra, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Porbandar, Kandla, Keshod, Bhuj, Dharamshala, Gwal-

SHORT TAKES

FINNISH FIGHTER
JET CRASHES,
PILOT EJECTS

Rovaniemi, Finland, May 7: A Finnish F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet crashed on Wednesday near the Rovaniemi airport in Finland's Arctic north, but the pilot was rescued after ejecting, the armed forces said.

No details were available about the cause of the crash, which occurred "in the Rovaniemi airport area" around 11.00 a.m. (0800 GMT), the military said.

Dark smoke could be seen rising from the scene and several emergency vehicles were dispatched to the area, public service broadcaster YLE said.

RECLAIMING
HARBOUR: HK
LOOSENS RULES

Hong Kong, May 7: Hong Kong passed a law on Wednesday that made it easier for the government to create new land through reclamation in the city's famed Victoria Harbour despite objections from environmental activists.

Land reclamation was central to the Chinese city's economic growth for decades but shifting public opinion since the 1990s led to stringent legal rules that required projects to establish an "overriding public need".

Officials called those rules "restrictive" and proposed a bill last year to fast-track smaller projects.

DRONE STRIKE
TARGETS NAVY
BASE IN SUDAN

Port Sudan, May 7: A drone strike targeted Sudan's biggest naval base on Wednesday, an Army source told *AFP*, marking the fourth straight day the seat of the Army-backed government has come under attack.

"They (the drones) were met with anti-aircraft missiles," the source said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the media.

An *AFP* correspondent reported that a series of explosions and then a cloud of smoke coming from the direction of the Flamingo Base, just north of the city.

TRAFFICKING OF
PEOPLE: HUNGARY
TAKEN TO COURT

Brussels, May 7: The European Commission on Wednesday said it will take Hungary to the EU's top court for breaching rules on combatting people-trafficking, in the latest showdown between Brussels and the Hungarian government.

Brussels launched legal action in 2023 after Budapest decided to release and expel several thousand jailed migrant traffickers on the grounds holding them in Hungarian prisons was a burden to the taxpayer.

An April 2023 decree by Prime Minister Viktor Orban's government enabled the smugglers' release.

PROTECTED ANTS:
KENYA COURT
FINES 4 PEOPLE

Nairobi, May 7: A Kenyan court on Wednesday fined four people, including two Belgian teenagers, more than \$7,000 for attempting to smuggle thousands of live ants out of the country.

The case has received considerable attention after the Kenyan Wildlife Service (KWS) accused the four of engaging in "bio-piracy".

David Lornoy and Seppe Lodewijckx, both 18 of Belgium, Duh Hung Nguyen of Vietnam and Dennis Nganga of Kenya all pleaded guilty to possession of the ants, but denied seeking to traffic them.

6 KILLED IN
ATTACK IN
NIGERIAN STATE

Jos, Nigeria, May 7: Gunmen killed six people in an attack on a village in a central Nigerian region that has seen a rise in religious tensions, authorities said on Tuesday.

Several people were also wounded in the attack in Marit in the Barkin district of Plateau state, a spokesperson for the local government said while speaking to reporters.

"We were sleeping in the night, we heard gunshots. We don't know what we did to these people. They don't want to leave us in peace," said one villager, David Davou.

Strikes on Gaza school housing
displaced, market claim 38 lives

Trump: Only 21 hostages believed to be alive; Hamas commander killed

Cairo, Gaza, Washington, Sidon May 7: Israeli strikes on a school housing displaced families and by a crowded market and restaurant in Gaza City killed at least 38 people on Wednesday, local health authorities said.

Medics said two strikes targeted the Karama School in Tuffah, a suburb of Gaza City, killing 15. Later in the day, an Israeli strike near a restaurant and market in the city killed at least 23 people, including women and children, medics said.

Reuters footage showed wounded men being rushed away on the back of pickups and carts. Ambulances sped down shattered streets and a woman in tears carried a baby away from the scene, with two young children beside her.

An image posted on social media showed what appeared to be a family of three — mother, father and son — lying dead on the street in pools of blood. The young boy was carrying a pink backpack. Reuters could not immediately verify the image that was purportedly from the scene of the Tuffah strike.

There was no immediate Israeli comment.

Two Israeli airstrikes on another school, housing displaced people in Bureij camp in central Gaza, killed at least 33 people, including women and children, on Tuesday, local health authorities said. The Israeli military said it struck "terrorists" operating from a command center in the compound.

The strike smashed classrooms, destroyed furniture and left a large crater in the school campus. On Wednesday, survivors sifted through rubble to look for some of their belongings.

"What happened is an earthquake. The Israeli occupation hit a school housing children. They are children," said eyewitness Ali Al-Shagra.



Palestinians collect belongings from a school used as a shelter by displaced residents that was hit twice by Israel, in Gaza Strip's Bureij, on Wednesday. — AP

He said the school housed 300 families.

President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that three hostages held by Hamas in Gaza have died, leaving only 21 believed to be still living. "As of today, it's 21, three have died," Trump said of the hostages being held by Hamas, noting until recently it had been 24 people believed to be living. He did not elaborate on the identities of those now believed to be dead, nor how he had come to learn of their deaths. "There's 21, plus a lot of dead bodies," Trump said.

Hamas said one of its commanders was killed in an Israeli strike on the south Lebanon city of Sidon on Wednesday, the latest attack despite a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah. Lebanon's state-run National News Agency said the dawn strike killed one person.

Hamas named him as Khaled Ahmed al-Ahmed and said he was on his way to pray. "As we mourn our heroic martyr, we pledge to God Almighty, and then to our people and our nation, to continue on the path of resistance," the group said. — *Agencies*

Second US warplane
falls off aircraft carrier

Washington, May 7: A multi-million-dollar US warplane failed to land on the *Harry S. Truman* aircraft carrier and plummeted into the Red Sea on Tuesday, the US military said, the second jet lost from the ship in just over a week. The two-seat F/A-18F Super Hornet fighter jet, worth around \$67 million, went overboard after an unsuccessful attempt to slow it down as it landed, the US Central Command said.

A defence official told *AFP* the hook of the aircraft failed to catch the arresting wire on the aircraft carrier.

"The arrestment failed, causing the aircraft to go overboard," the official said, adding "both aviators safely ejected and were rescued by the search and rescue helicopter."

"The aviators were evaluated by medical personnel and assessed to have minor injuries. No flight

deck personnel were injured." It is the second F/A-18 operating off the *Truman* to be lost in just over a week.

Another jet fell off the same carrier on April 28 in an accident that injured one sailor, and also dragged a tractor that was towing the fighter plane into the sea.

And late last year, a F/A-18 operating off the *Truman* was lost after it was mistakenly shot down by the *USS Gettysburg* guided missile cruiser. Both pilots survived that incident.

The *Truman* is one of two US aircraft carriers operating in the Middle East, where US forces have been hammering Yemen's Huthi rebels with strikes since mid-March in an attempt to end the threat they pose to ships in the region. Mediator Oman said Tuesday the United States and the Houthis had agreed to a ceasefire. — *AFP*

HOUTHIS TO HIT
ISRAELI SHIPS
DESPITE US DEAL

Sanaa, May 7: Yemen's Houthi rebels will continue targeting Israeli ships in the Red Sea, an official told *AFP* on Wednesday, despite a ceasefire that ended weeks of intense US strikes on the Iran-backed group.

A day after the Houthis agreed to stop firing on ships plying the key trade route off their shores, a senior official told *AFP* that Israel was excluded from the deal.

"The waterways are safe for all international ships except Israeli ones," Abdulmalik Alejri, a member of the Houthi political bureau, said. — *AFP*

6 NATIONS OF
EUROPE AGAINST
TERRITORY SHIFT

Madrid, May 7: Six European countries said on Wednesday that they "firmly reject any demographic or territorial change in Gaza" after Israel announced plans to expand its military offensive in the Palestinian territory.

Israel's plan "would mark a new and dangerous escalation" in the war, the foreign ministers of Spain, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway and Slovenia said in a joint statement. Israel has called up tens of thousands of reservists for the planned offensive, which comes after resumed Israeli attacks against militant group Hamas in March ended a two-month truce.

An Israeli military official has said the offensive would include the "conquest" of Gaza, holding territory and moving the strip's population south "for their protection". — *AFP*



Russian Sukhoi SU-25 fighter jets release smoke in the colours of the Russian tricolour flag as they fly above central Moscow during the general rehearsal of the Victory Day military parade on Wednesday. — *AFP*

Drones strike; Xi
reaches Moscow

Moscow, May 7: Russia and Ukraine continued air strikes against each other's capitals overnight, including an attack that killed two people in Kyiv, as Moscow prepared to host the leaders of China, Brazil and other states to commemorate the end of World War II.

Chinese President Xi Jinping landed in Moscow on Wednesday for a key three-day visit including a grand Victory Day parade and a show of support for Vladimir Putin.

Moscow and Beijing declared a "no limits partnership" weeks before Putin ordered Russia's Ukraine offensive in February 2022. The expanded military and trade ties since troubled the West.

Russia launched four ballistic missiles and 142 drones targeting Kyiv and other regional centres, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Wednesday in a post on X. Two people were killed in the capital and seven injured, including children, he said.

The strikes also targeted other regions of Ukraine, including Dnipro, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia. — *Bloomberg*

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Pound Sterling (₹)	113.10	0.59
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Gold (10gm)* (₹)	97,246	245 -0.25
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	61.93	-0.35
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.337	-0.013
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	4.328	0.01

MRF reports 29% increase in net to ₹512 crore

Tyre maker MRF on Wednesday reported 29.28 per cent increase in consolidated net profit from continuing operations at ₹512.11 crore for March quarter FY25 against ₹396.11 crore same period in year-ago, riding on higher sales. Revenue from operations in the quarter under review stood at ₹7,074.82 crore as against ₹6,349.36 crore in the year-ago period, it added. Total expenses are at ₹6,526.87 crore in FY25, MRF said.



PNB sees Q4 net proift rise 52% to ₹4,567 crore

State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Wednesday reported 52 per cent rise in net profit at ₹4,567 crore for March quarter FY25. It had earned a net profit of ₹3,010 crore in the year-ago period. During the quarter, the bank's total income increased to ₹36,705 crore from ₹32,361 crore a year ago, PNB said. Interest income grew to ₹31,989 crore from ₹28,113 crore in fourth quarter of previous financial year.

Welspun Corp secures export order of ₹1,950 cr

Welspun Corp Ltd (WCL) has secured an export order worth ₹1,950 crore for supply of line pipes and bends. With these new orders, its current consolidated global order book stands at around ₹19,300 crore, the company said. WCL said that the receipt of a prestigious export order for the supply of coated longitudinal submerged arc welding (LSAW) line pipes and bends from India cumulatively valued at ₹1,950 crore.

AWS set to offer marketplace in India this year

Amazon Web Services (AWS) on Wednesday said it is set to launch AWS Marketplace - a platform to discover and transact software solutions - later this year in India. The marketplace, where customers can discover software, data, and services from across thousands of AWS Partners, will enable transactions in Indian rupees. Customers will be able to pay using options like net banking, credit cards, and UPI.

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Will prescribe tariff levels, concessions, says Trump

Washington, May 7: US President Donald Trump said he would prescribe tariff levels and trade concessions for partners looking to avoid higher duties, appearing to move away from the idea that he would engage in back-and-forth negotiations.

“We’re going to put very fair numbers down, and we’re going to say, here’s what this country, what we want. And congratulations, we have a deal. And they’ll either say ‘great,’ and they’ll start shopping, or they’ll say, ‘not good,’” Trump said Tuesday at the White House as he met with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney.

“It’ll be a low number. We’re not looking to hurt countries,” he added. The meeting comes just a week after the Canadian Liberal Party won an election in which Carney vowed to strengthen his country’s economic independence and protect its sovereignty from the US President, who has openly mused about making Canada the 51st state.

With Carney, Trump indicated that he would strike a friendlier relationship than the one he had with former PM Justin Trudeau.

“There’s no reason for us to be subsidising Canada,” Trump said.

Trump’s comments come as US trading partners rush to negotiate with the administration to avoid higher levies. The President had earlier said the first deals could come as soon as this week. But his latest comments indicate he could continue to change his approach, which could further roil financial markets that have struggled with uncertainty surrounding his trade policy.



HUDCO REPORTS 3.9% RISE IN Q4 NET PROFIT TO ₹727 CR

FC BANKING BUREAU MUMBAI, MAY 7

Housing and Urban Development Corp (HUDCO) is targeting to have zero bad loans in the next 18 months as there have been no new slip-pages in FY25 and it is actively resolving the cases of legacy stressed assets through the bankruptcy courts and one-time settlements.

HUDCO posted a 4 per cent increase in its March quarter consolidated net profit to ₹727.74 crore. Its total income rose to ₹2,854.91 crore in March quarter of FY25 from ₹2,194.04 crore in year-ago period. It’s net profit increased to ₹2,709.14 crore in FY25 from ₹2,116.69 crore in the preceding year.

Its loan disbursements rose 123 per cent to ₹40,038 crore in FY25 from ₹17,987 cr in FY24. “This year we are targeting to disburse ₹50,000 crore,” said Sanjay Kulshrestha, chairman, HUDCO.

HAZE PERSISTS
TRUMP APPLIED tariffs of 10% and 25% to Canada in March, while excluding certain goods covered under the North American trade pact.



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Bitcoin rallies 3.2% to \$97,914 on optimism

New York, May 7: Bitcoin rose for a second day as optimism over a potential de-escalation in the US-China tariff stand-off bolstered demand for riskier assets.

The largest digital asset rose as much as 3.2 per cent to top \$97,714 before paring gains. Ether climbed 4.2 per cent.

The rally followed news that US treasury secretary Scott Bessent and trade representative Jamieson Greer will meet with the Chinese government this week in

Switzerland, raising hopes that the world’s two largest economies can reach an agreement that may ease trade tensions.

Digital-asset brokerage FalconX has seen “renewed interest for Bitcoin topside” with the market “appearing optimistic that the trade talks over the weekend will be positive,” said Sean McNulty, derivatives trading lead of APAC at the company.

Digital-asset investors will also have an eye on US Federal Reserve’s action. — Bloomberg

Trump said he was tired of questions about when deals would be struck.

“We don’t have to sign deals. We could sign 25 deals right now if we wanted,” he said. “We will sign some deals. But much bigger than that is we’re going to put down the price that people are going to have to pay to shop in the United States.”

Trump said he had already gotten some nations to agree to concessions, saying India had agreed to roll back tariffs on American goods.

Trump insisted there are merits to Canada joining the US. Carney, after the meeting, told reporters he asked Trump to stop calling Canada the 51st state. — Bloomberg

Meta purges 23K FB pages in March

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Social media giant Meta on Wednesday said that it removed clusters of scam activity totalling over 23,000 Facebook pages and accounts in March, that primarily targeted people in Brazil and India.

It said scammers used deepfakes, among other techniques, falsely depicting popular personal finance content creators, cricket players and business figures in Brazil and India, endorsing scam investment apps and gambling websites.

The scammers redirected people to messaging apps for ‘investment

advice’ and to a fake website that mimicked the Google Play store to download scam gambling apps.

Meta said that payment scams also often exploit the speed and anonymity in the online world.

Acase in point is an advance payment scams, where scammers pose as sellers on platforms like Facebook Marketplace and ask for payment before delivery and then disappear.

Meta also warned about fraudsters overpaying for an item and request a partial refund.

They later reverse the original payment and walk away with both sums, it said.

Private sector cos increase capex to 2.3% of GDP in FY25

SANGEETHA G. CHENNAI, MAY 7

Large private sector companies increased their capex in real terms to 2.3 per cent of GDP in FY25 after falling to a three-year low of 1.6 per cent in FY24.

With the increase in consumption demand in FY25, there has been a turnaround in terms of

the proposed capex by the large private companies.

Their capex had fallen to 1.6 per cent in FY24. In FY22, it stood at 2 per cent of the GDP and 2.4 per cent in FY23, finds India Ratings.

The share of large companies in the total capex spent by the private sector too has fallen in the past years. Capex



incurred by large private companies had represented 18.9 per cent of the overall private sector capex in FY23 and this fell to 13.9 per cent in FY24. It is estimated to have further fallen to 7 per cent in FY25, indicating better capex by other private sector firms in the past two years.

more recent offerings like advertising. Netflix has long been the gold standard in streaming video, offering a product that has been emulated by many of its peers. It uses machine learning and artificial intelligence to recommend titles. Customers will also be able to find shows using a search tool powered by artificial intelligence. Netflix expects to spend \$18 billion on content this year, and half of its budget is allocated to original and licensed content sourced outside North America.



represents the breadth of entertainment on Netflix today,” chief product officer Eunice Kim said.

The new interface underpinning the service will allow Netflix to make tweaks to accommodate

Netflix is a high-profile winner this year, with recent gains coming in the wake of an earnings report that featured record profits and a better-than-expected forward-cast, cementing its leading position in the entertainment industry. Investors have embraced the stock, which they see as offering strong growth trends, coupled with the perception that subscribers are unlikely to drop the service in the event of economic weakness, rendering it fairly recession resistant.

— Bloomberg

Sentiment turns positive on India’s strikes on Pak

Markets in past have consistently rebound in long term

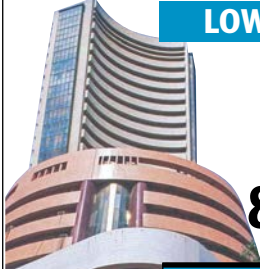
RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, MAY 7

The Indian market saw low key volatile moves after an early morning knee jerk reaction to India launching airstrikes on Pakistan’s terror camps. Sentiments improved as market participants digested the message sent through air strikes as the day progressed and no further escalations were reported.

Market closed in the green with Sensex gaining 105.71 points or 0.13 per cent at 80,746.78 while Nifty-50 closed 0.14 per cent or 34.80 points up at 24,414.40.

Earlier, in the pre-opening session 9.00 to 9.15 am Sensex and Nifty-50 indicated 692 points and 146.3 points lower from previous close at 79,948 and 24233.30 respectively as buy sell orders were getting matched at respective stock exchanges. But the opening gaps narrowed after early morning jitters when trading started.

“Historically, such episodes trigger market volatility and short-term dips - Kargil War (-4 per cent), Parliament Attack (-3 per cent), Mumbai Attacks (-4 per cent), and Balakot Airstrike (-3 per cent). However, markets have consistently rebounded in the long term. After the Kargil War, the Sensex surged 63 per cent within a year. Post-Parliament Attack, it



DEFENCE sector stocks were mixed as focus shifts on them due to tense border situation.

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BROADER MARKET outperforms after sharp fall in previous session with BSE mid-cap index up 1.36% and BSE small-cap up 1.16%.



WHILE THE military escalation injects volatility, the impending FTA signals policy stability and global integration. It is essential to differentiate between tactical disruptions and structural shifts. — ANIRUDH GARG, partner & fund manager, Invasset PMS

BOTH FIIS and domestic institutions net buyers of equities worth ₹2,585.86 cr and ₹ 2,378.49 crore respectively.



Rupee sheds 38 paise, steepest fall in 1-mth

FALAKNAAZ SYED MUMBAI, MAY 7

Rupee came under pressure and closed weaker by 38 paise at 84.82 on Wednesday as Indian defence forces conducted targeted strikes at terror hide outs overnight. This was the rupee’s steepest decline in one month.

The local unit initially opened at 84.63 and appreciated in early deals towards 84.47.

Importers, fearing tensions to continue, hedged

imports. The local unit hit an intra-day low, falling nearly 50 paise at 84.94 level in afternoon. It recovered some losses by after state-owned banks on behalf of Reserve Bank of India sold dollars. RBI’s presence ensured that the rupee stayed in the zone of 84.45 to 84.95 during the day.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against six currencies, was trading higher by 0.23 per cent at 99.46.

CABINET APPROVES COAL ALLOCATION SCHEME FOR POWER

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO NEW DELHI, MAY 7

The Union cabinet on Wednesday approved the revised Scheme for harnessing and allocating koyalaa transparently in India (Shakti) policy for coal allocation to power sector, a move aimed at simplification of the linkage process. The scheme is expected to benefit all TPPs, railways, Coal India, Singareni Collieries, end consumers and state governments as well.

The coal ministry said the Cabinet committee on economic affairs has granted fresh coal linkages to thermal power plants (TPPs) of central sector or state sector or independent power producers (IPPs). With the introduction of revised Shakti policy, two windows — coal linkage to central genscos or states at notified price and coal linkage to all genscos at a premium above notified price have been proposed.

The ministry further said under the coal at notified price segment the existing mechanism for grant of coal linkage to central sector thermal power projects including joint ventures and their subsidiaries will continue.

Moreover, coal linkage earmarked to states may be utilised by states in its own genco, IPPs to be identified through tariff-based competitive bidding or existing IPPs having power purchase agreement.

Cost of home-cooked meals slides in April

FALAKNAAZ SYED MUMBAI, MAY 7

The cost of home-cooked vegetarian as well as non-vegetarian thalis declined by 4 per cent year-on-year in April, according to Crisil intelligence roti rice rate report.

The decrease in the cost of vegetarian thalis was because of a sharp fall in the prices of vegetables particularly tomatoes, potatoes, and onions. Tomato prices declined by 34 per cent year-on-year to ₹21 per kg from ₹32 per kg in April

2024, owing to a high base effect amid low crop yield last year. Similarly, potato prices fell 11 per cent on-year on a high base of the last year.

A 19 per cent on-year jump in vegetable oil prices due to a rise in import duty and 6 per cent on-year rise in the LPG cylinder prices curtailed a further decline in the cost of both thalis.

In the case of non-veg thali, an estimated 4 per cent year-on-year decline in broiler chicken prices lowered the cost.



"We have not got any written intimation from either the BCCI, or the central and state governments about cancellation of tomorrow's match. Unless there is any official instruction, we are going ahead with the schedule," said Himachal Pradesh Cricketer Association source said. — PTI

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